

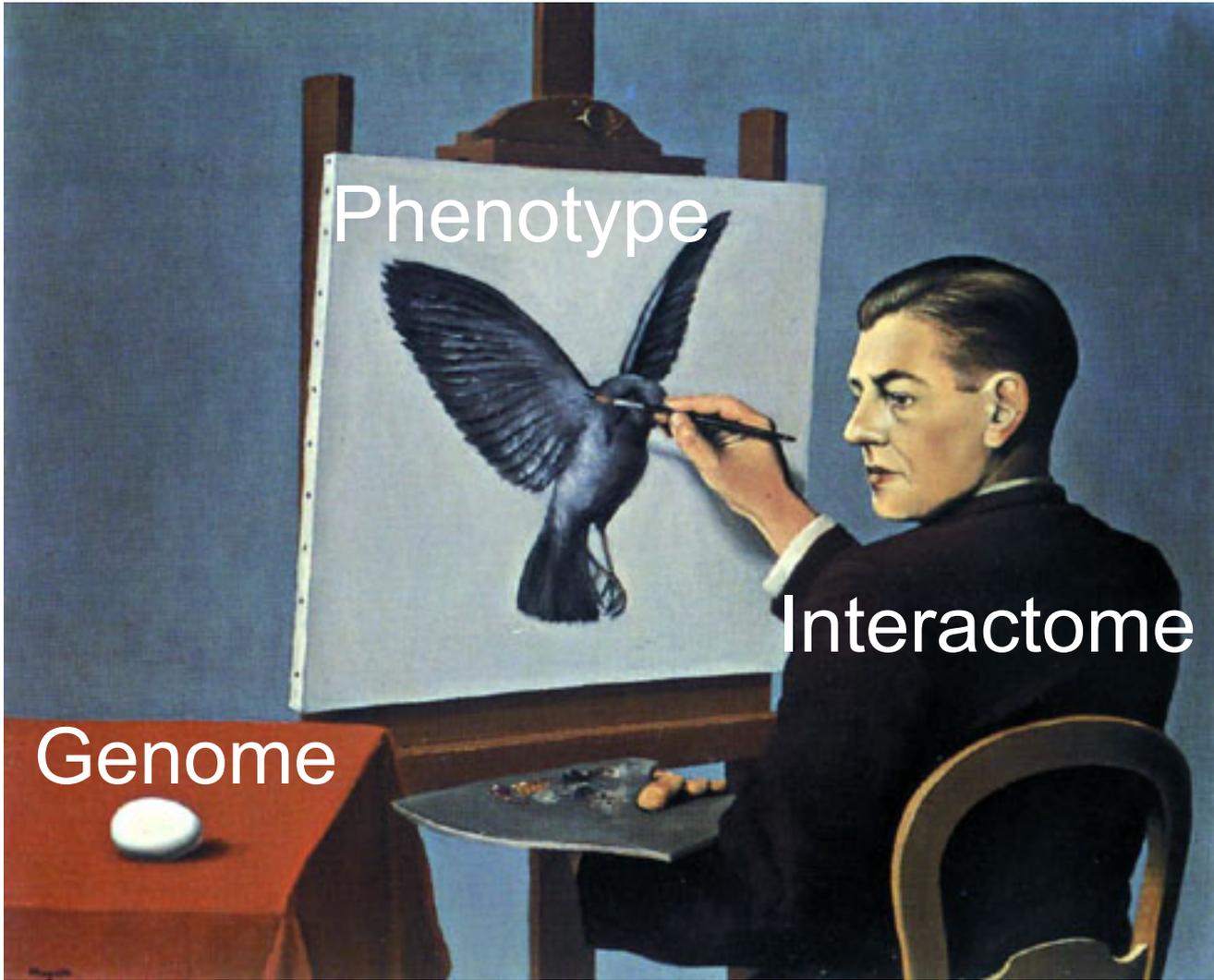


# Protein – protein interactions

*Interactome networks drive  
molecular organisation of the cell*

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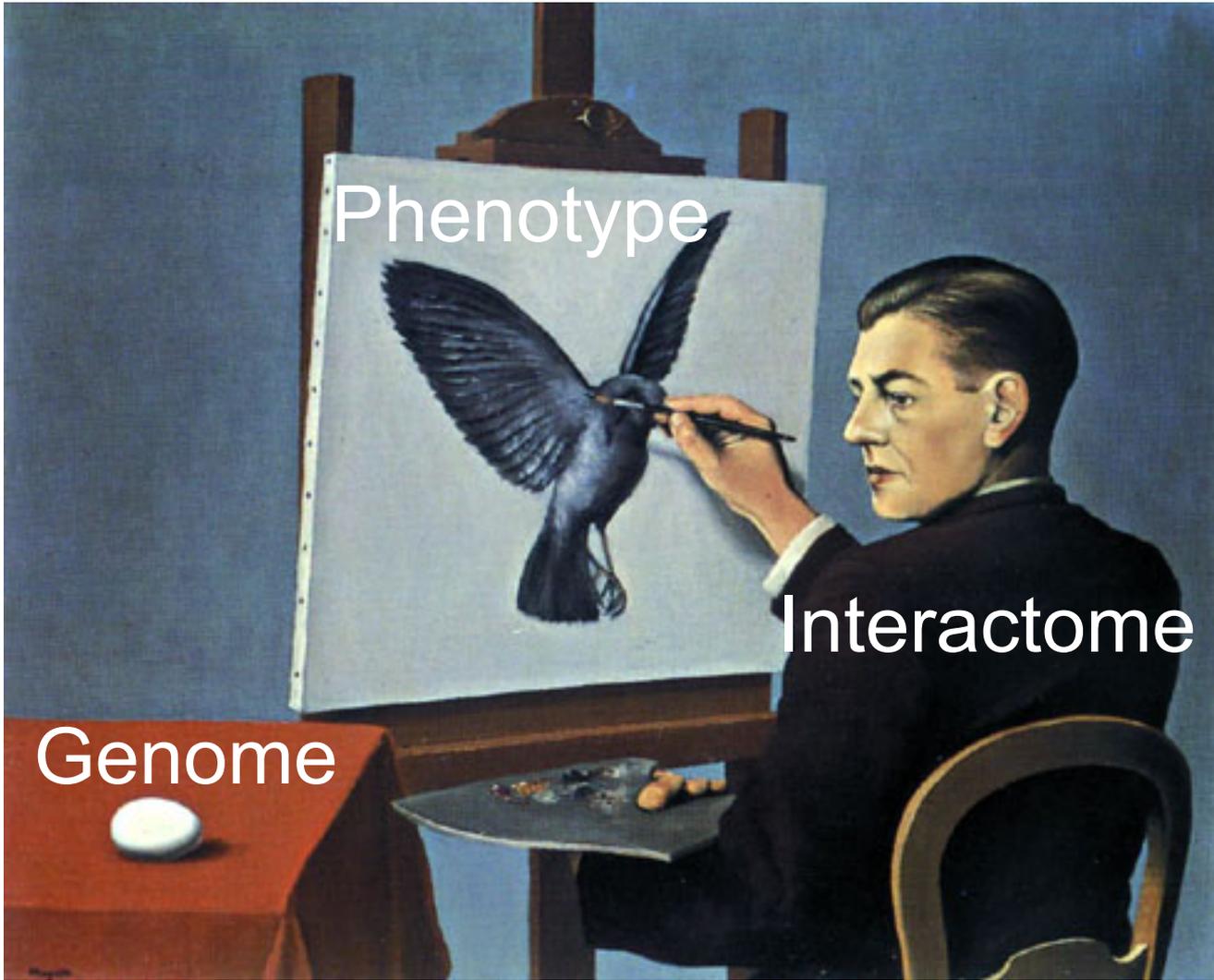
Phenotype

Interactome

Genome

# Molecular organisation of the cell

- Elucidation of Genomes, proteomes, their components and interactions
- Functional organization remains largely unknown
- Cellular function is the result of coordinated interactions
- Interaction networks essential to understand biology, disease and/or drug action

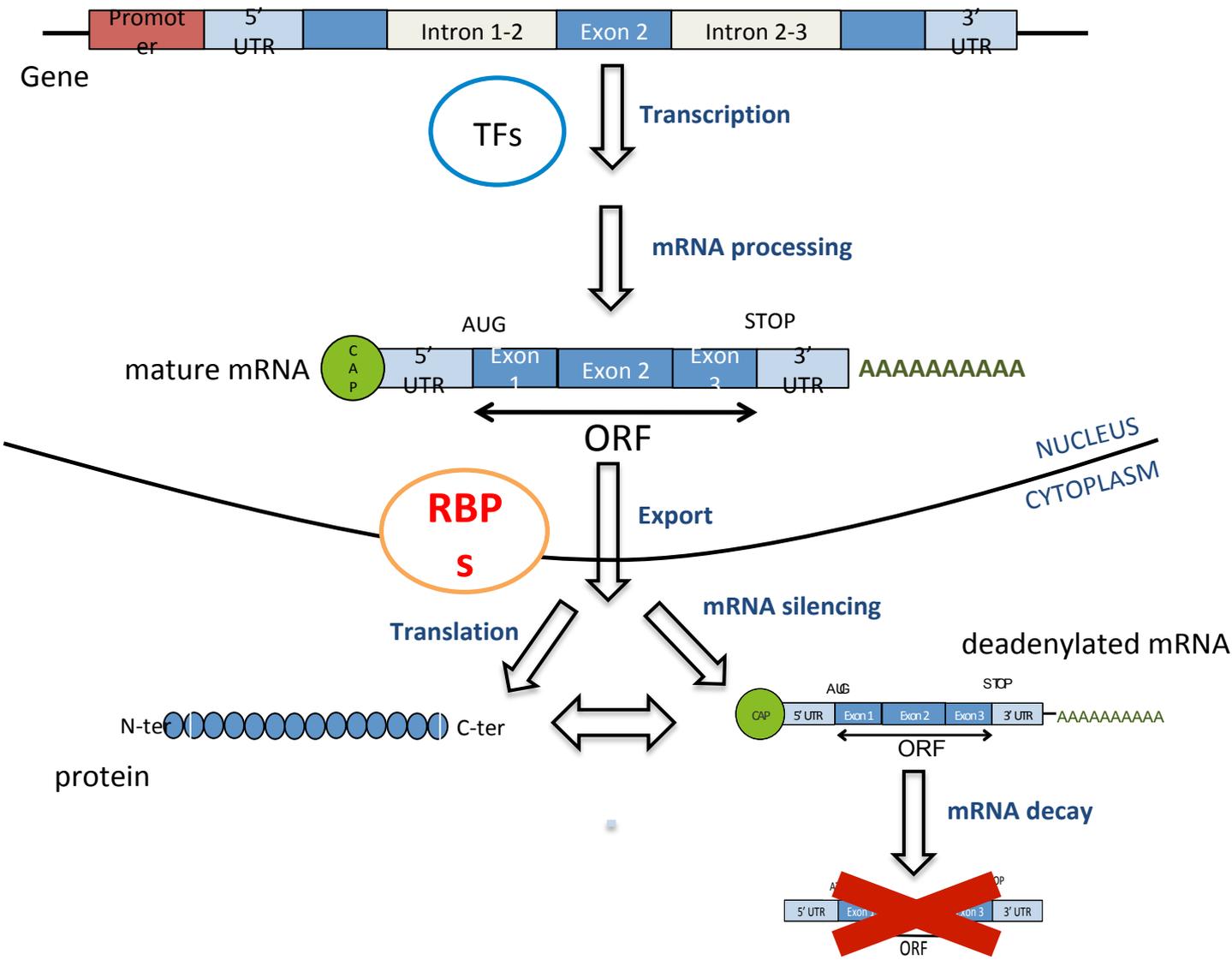


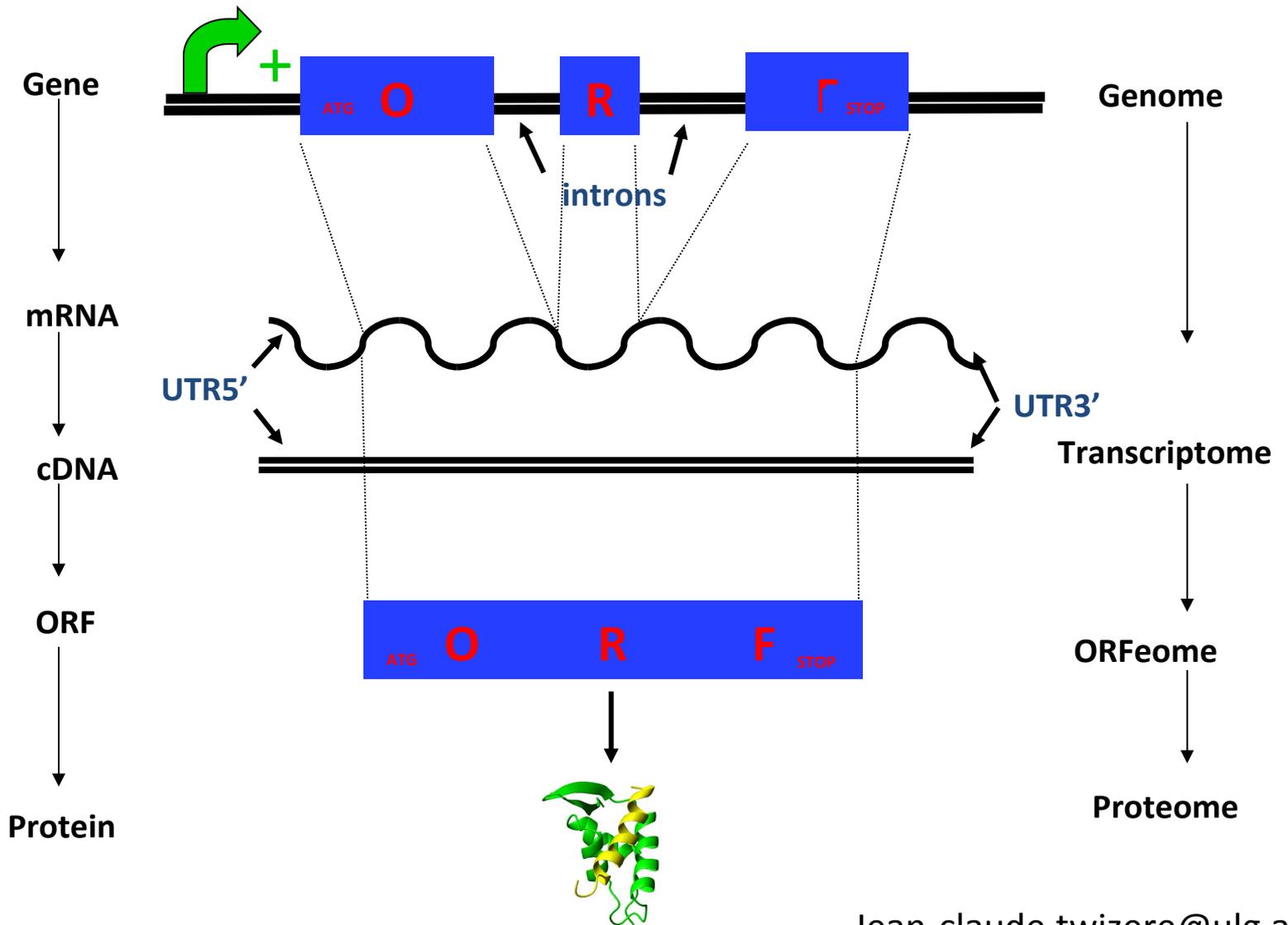
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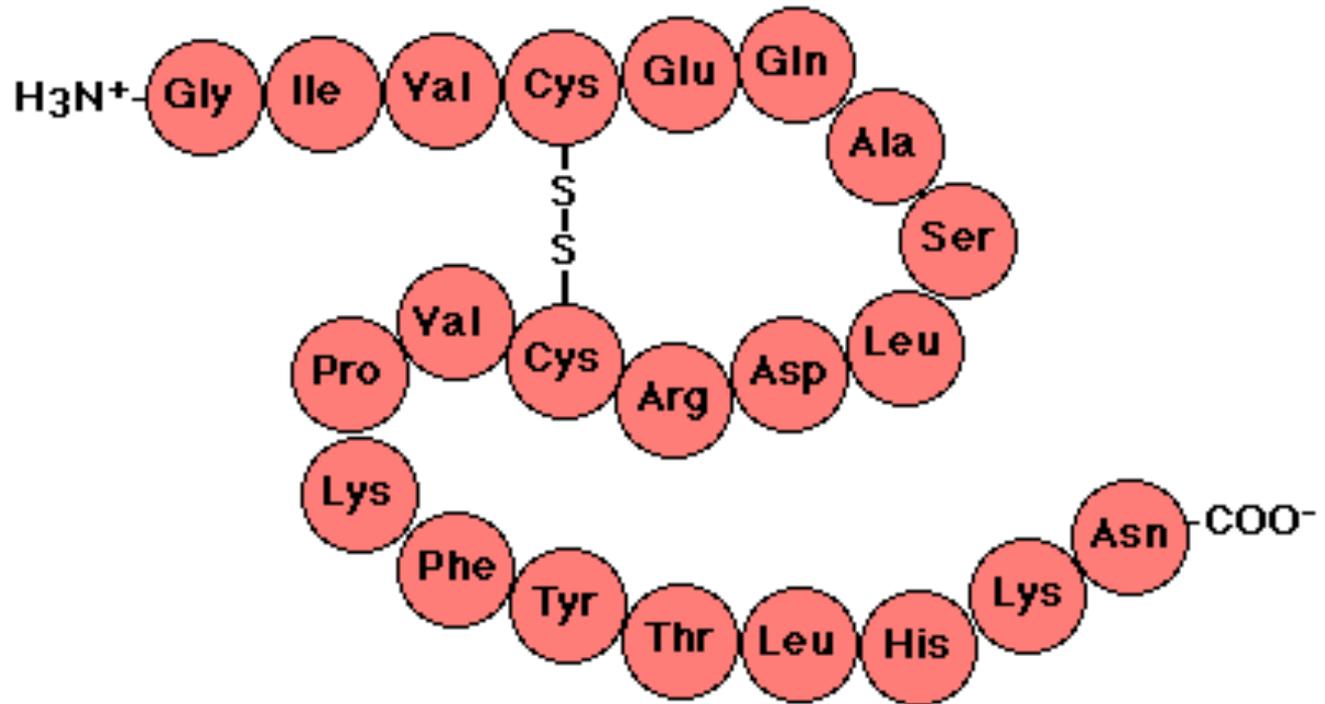
Genome

# Gene expression regulation



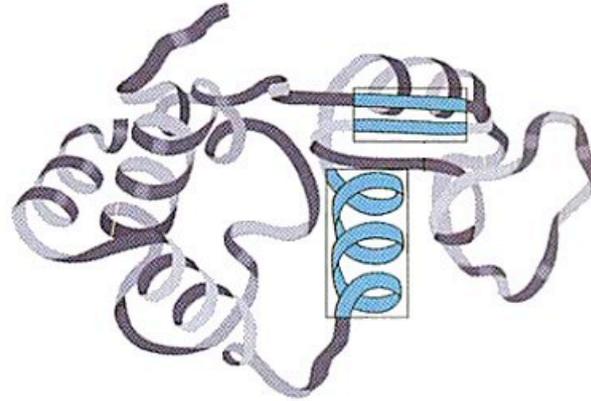


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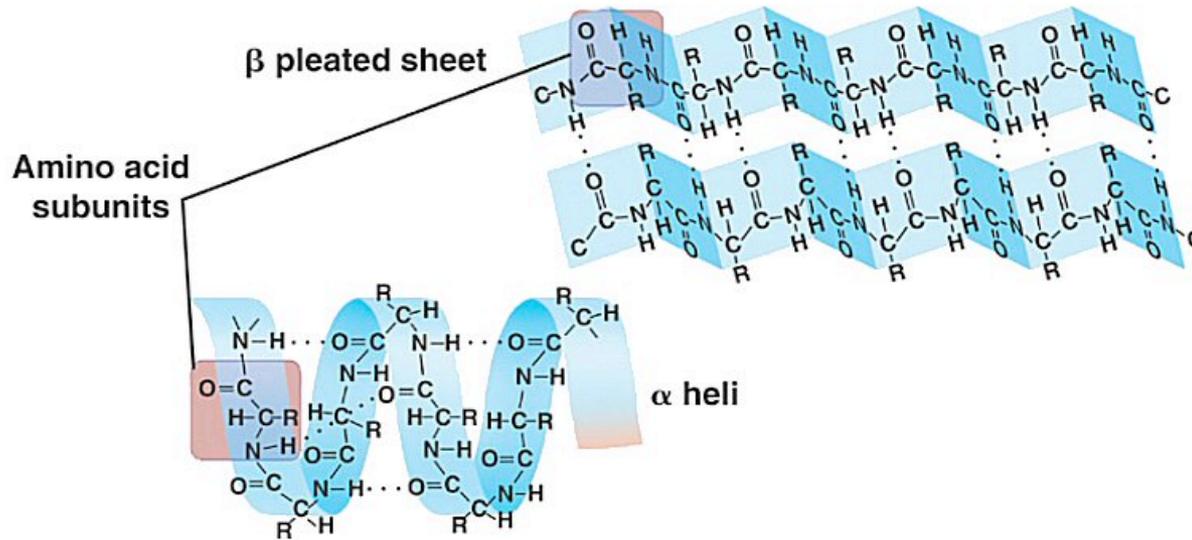


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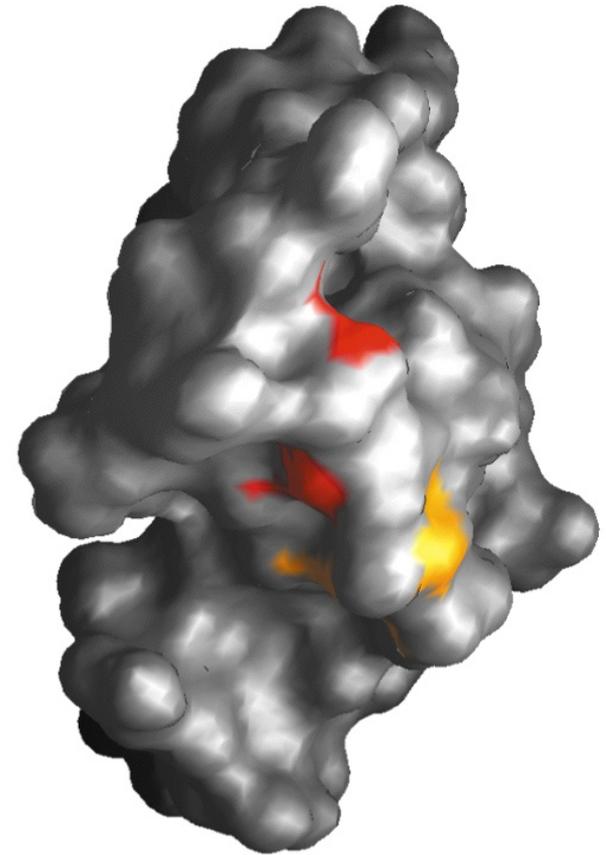
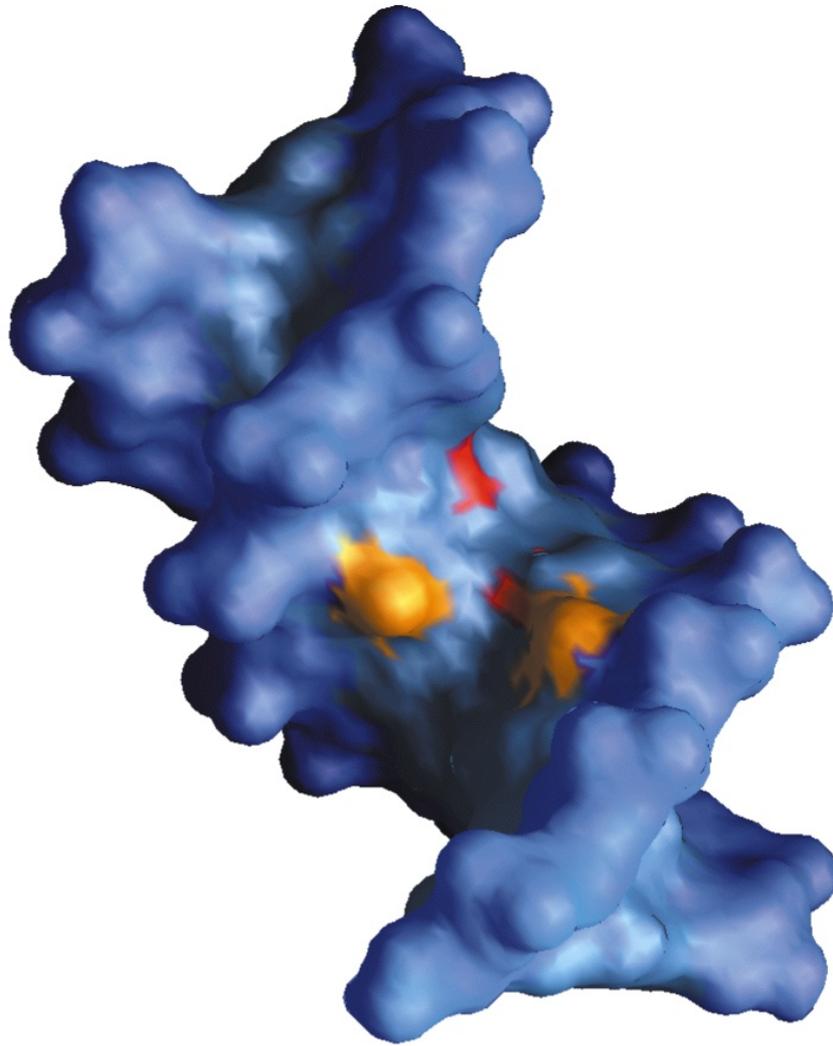
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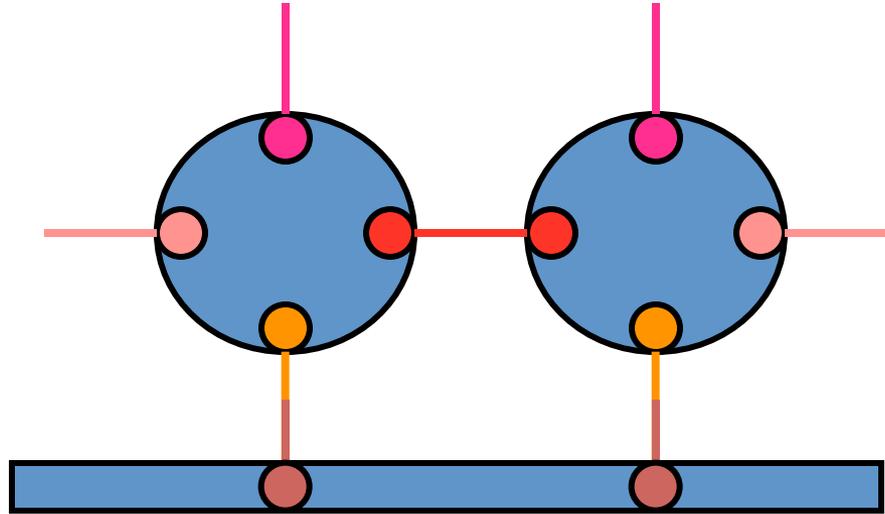


# Quaternary structure



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# Protein Interactions

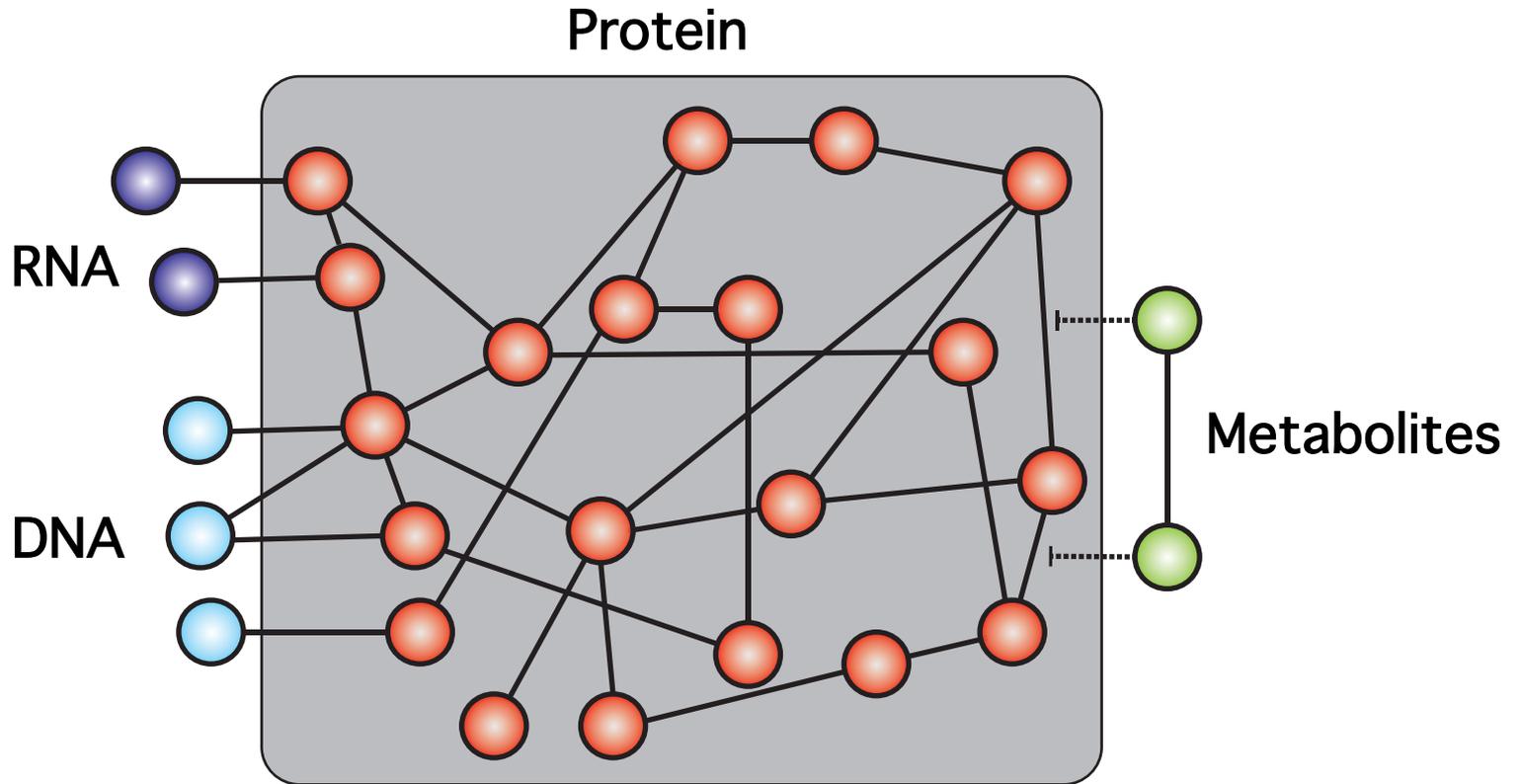


**Homodimerization and DNA/protein interaction**

# Protein-protein interactions

- Y2H hybrid
- Affinity purification
- Energy transfer (Fluorescence = FRET)
- Co-localisation (Fluorescence based)
- Protein complementation
  - Luciferase based
  - Fluorescence based

# The protein interactome network



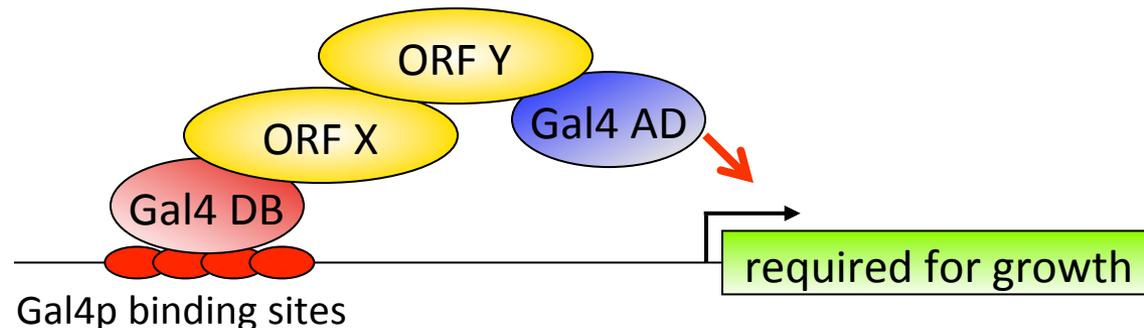
Nodes: Proteins, DNA, RNA or Metabolites

Edges: Bio-physical interactions

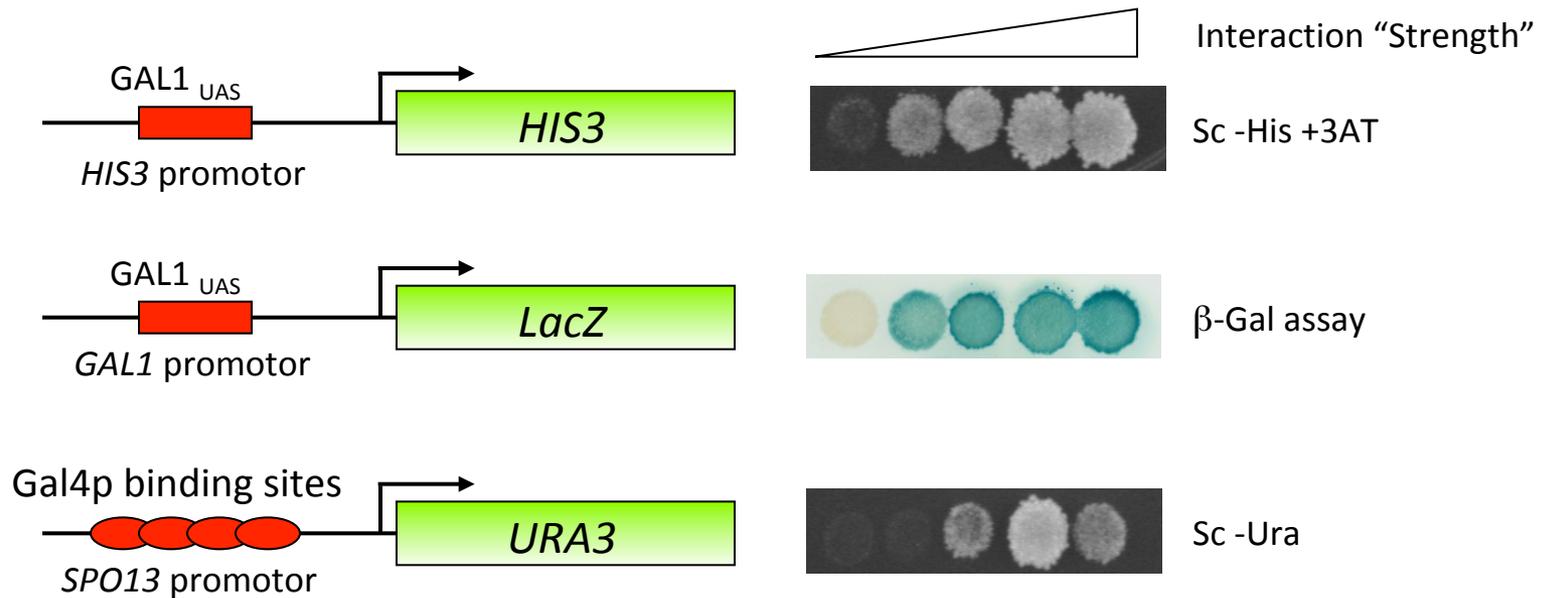
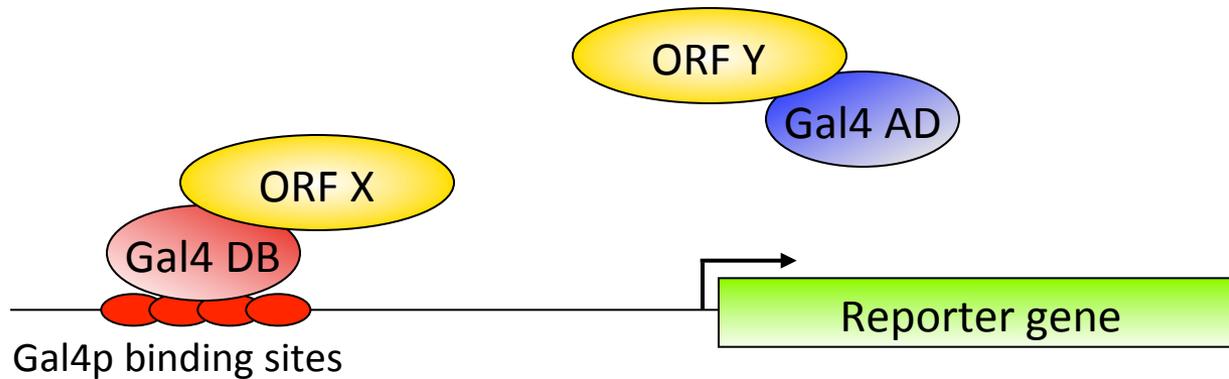
# **Discovering interactions: Yeast two-hybrid**

# Yeast two-hybrid

- Reconstitution of GAL4 transcription factor
- Fusion proteins DB-ORFX and ORFY-AD
- Reporter gene



# A **positive** selection of the protein – protein interactions



# Yeast two-hybrid

Reagents (retroviruses side)

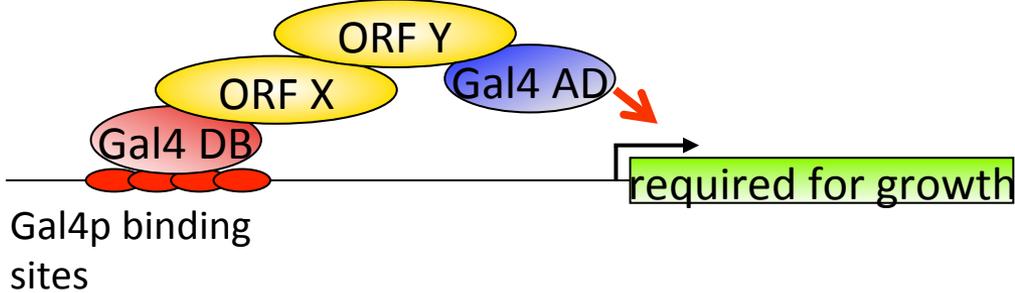
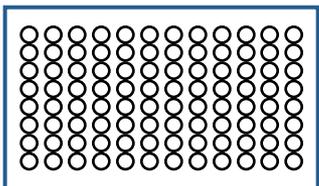
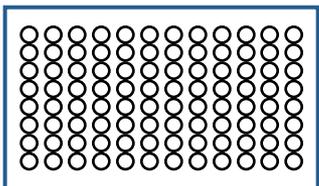
genes + fragments  
↓ Gateway cloning

DB, AD expression vectors

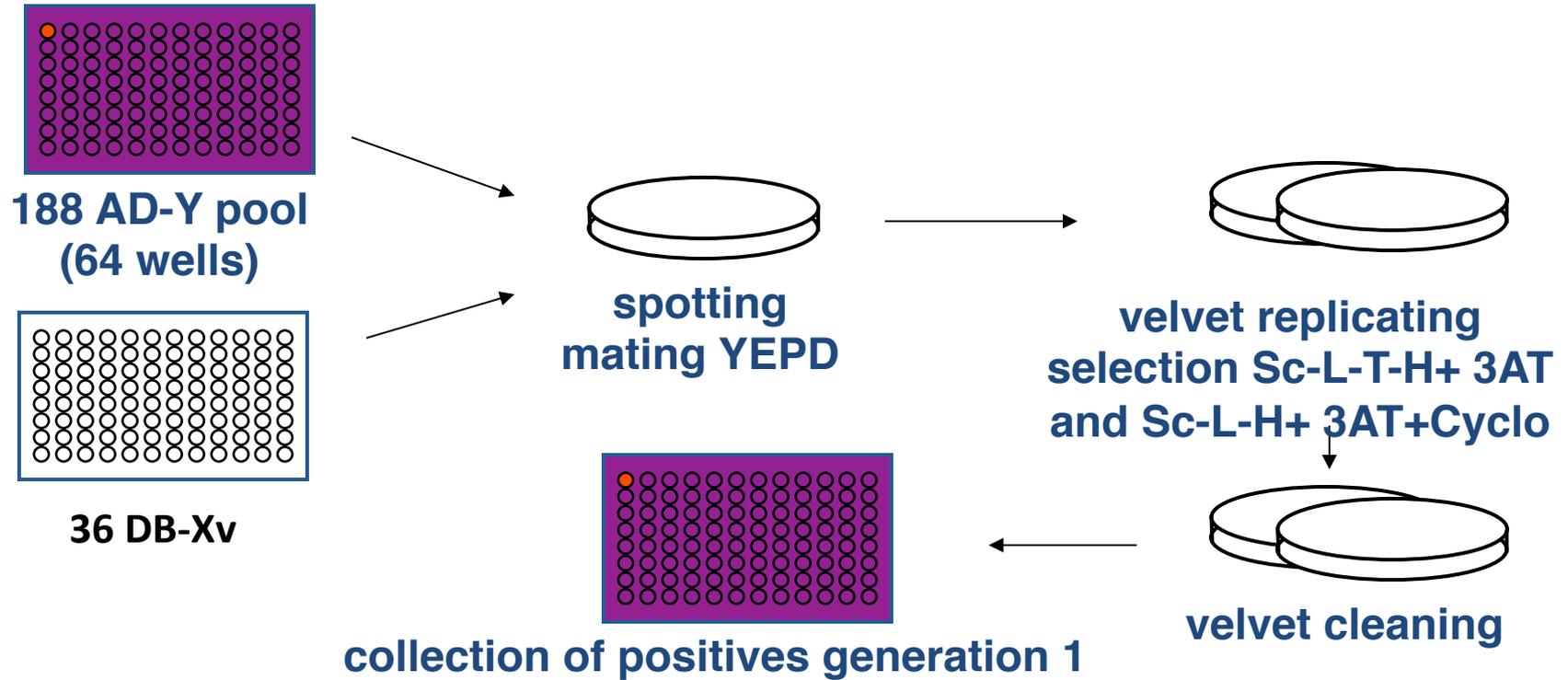
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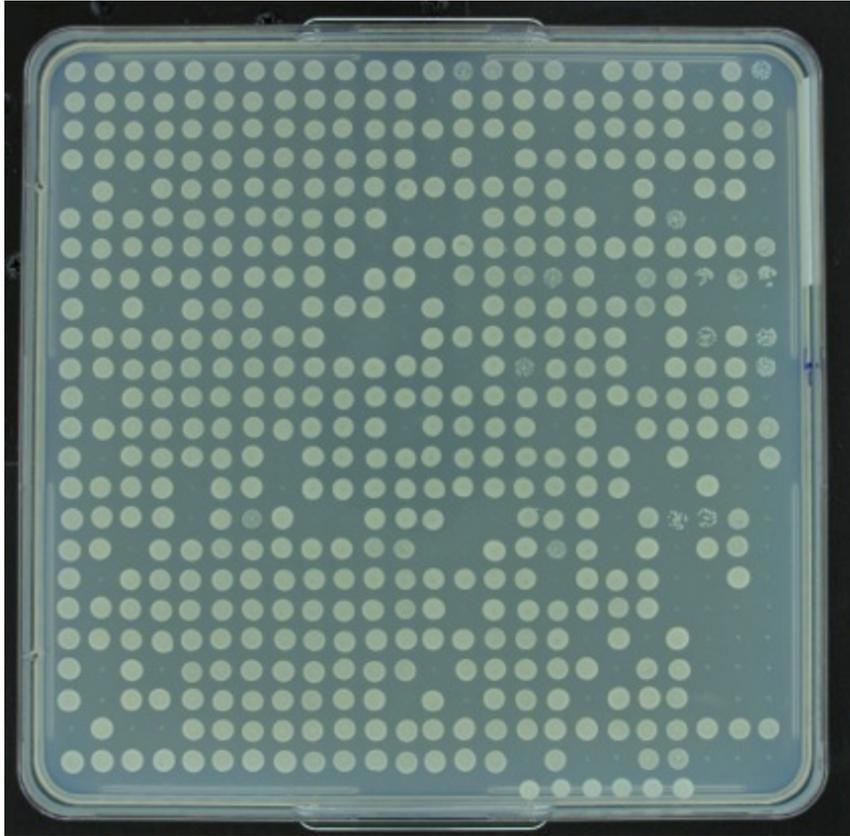
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Mat a (Y8800 or Mav203)

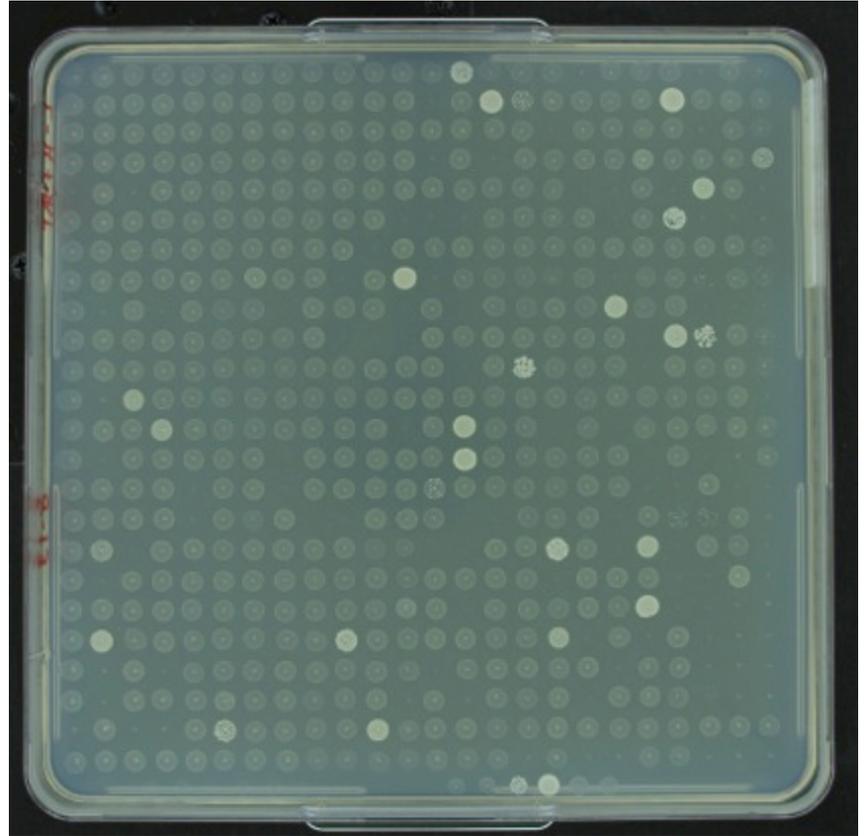


# High-throughput Y2H mating



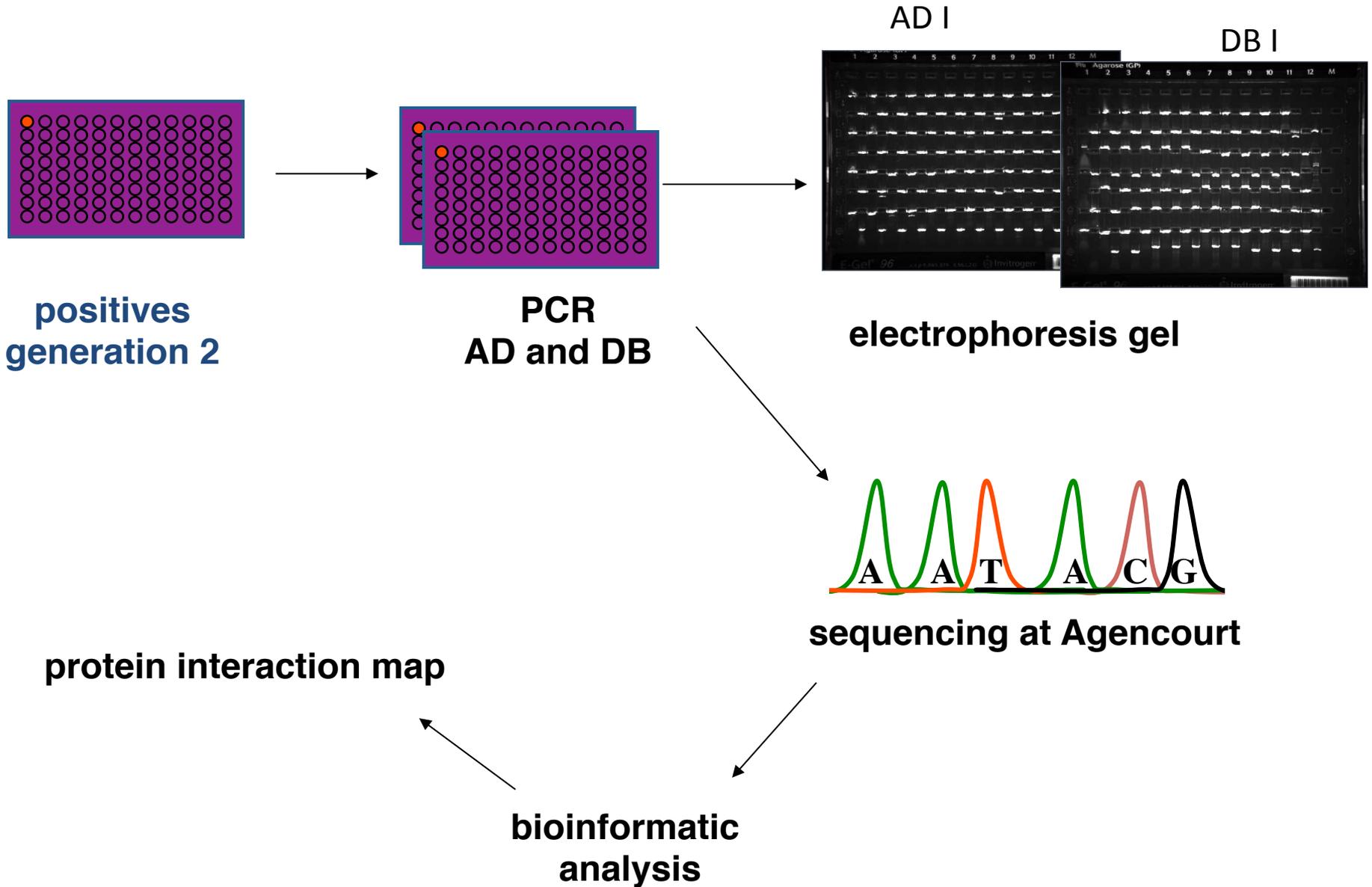


SC-LT

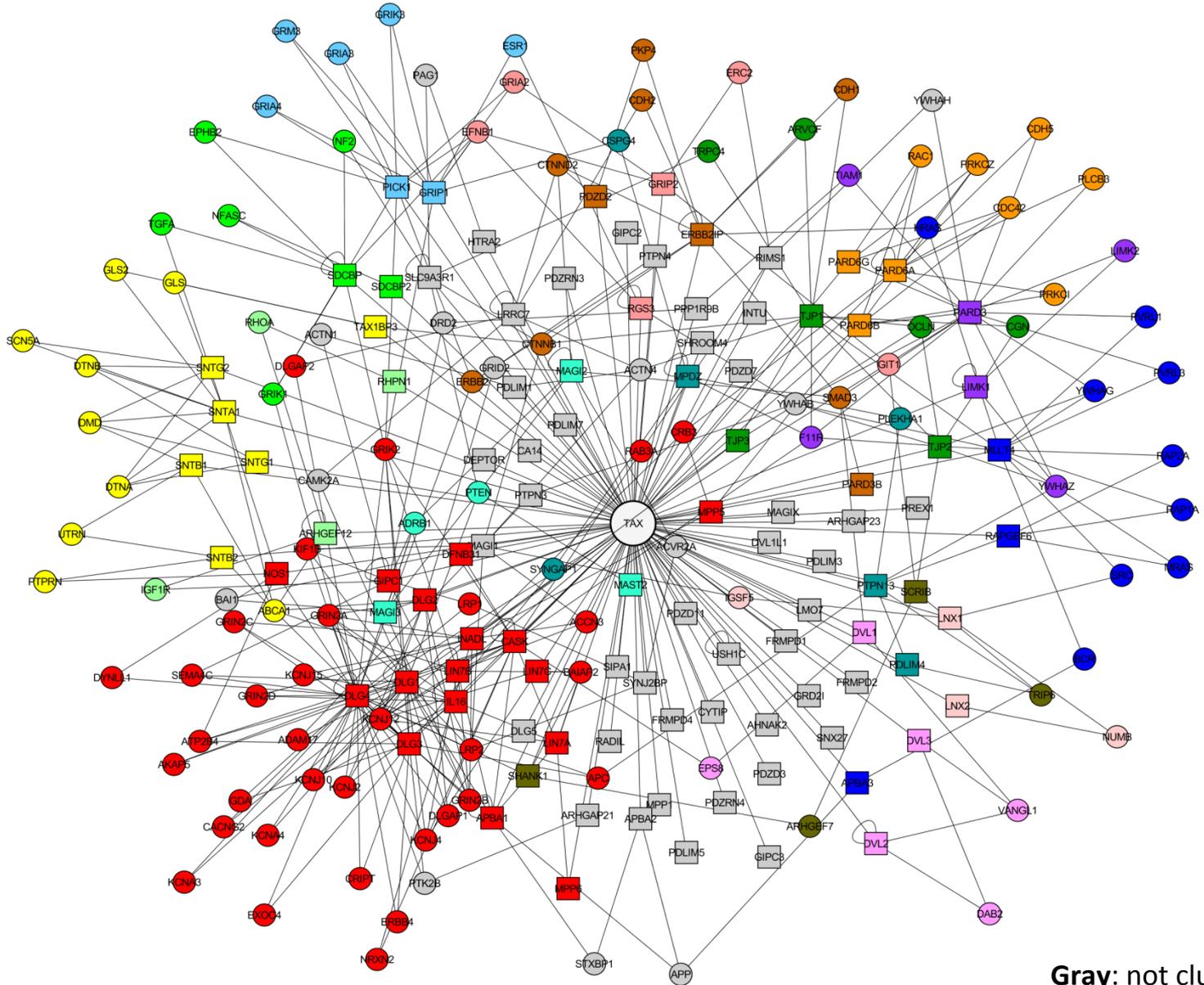


SC-LTH +1 mM 3AT

# Sequencing

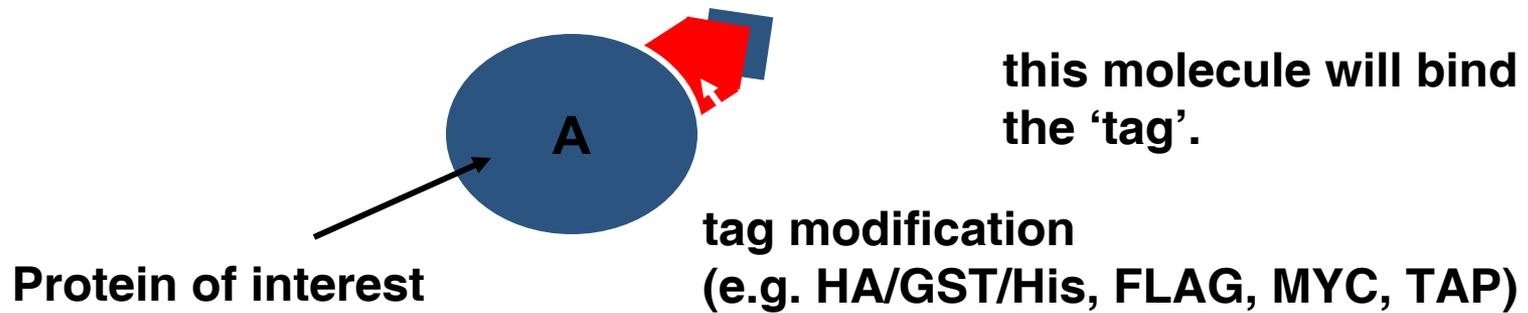


# TAX / PDZ PROTEINS INTERACTOME

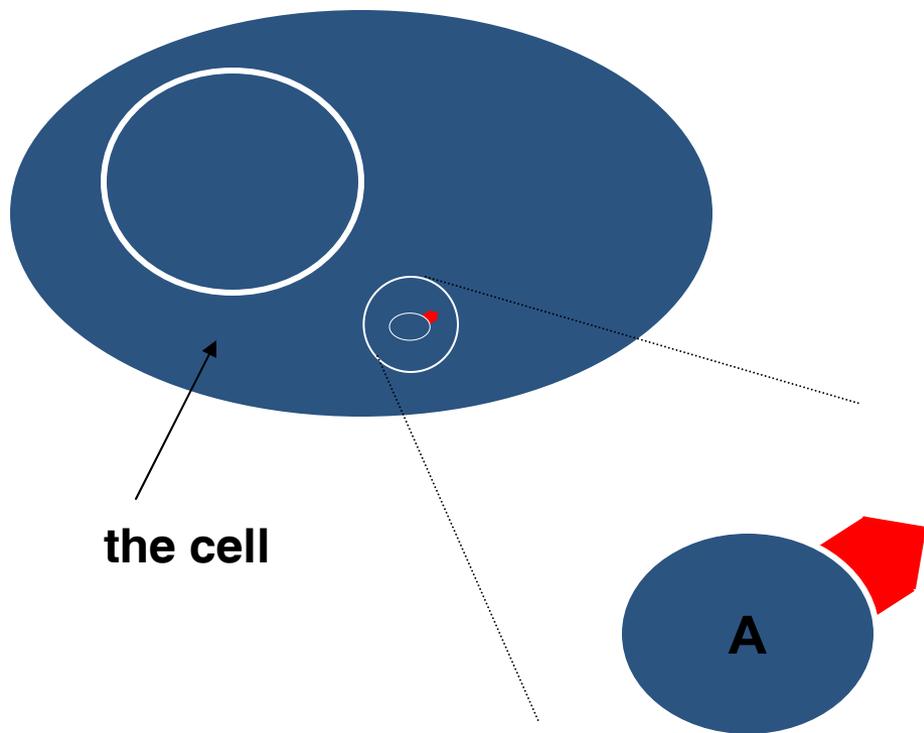


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Other color: clustered

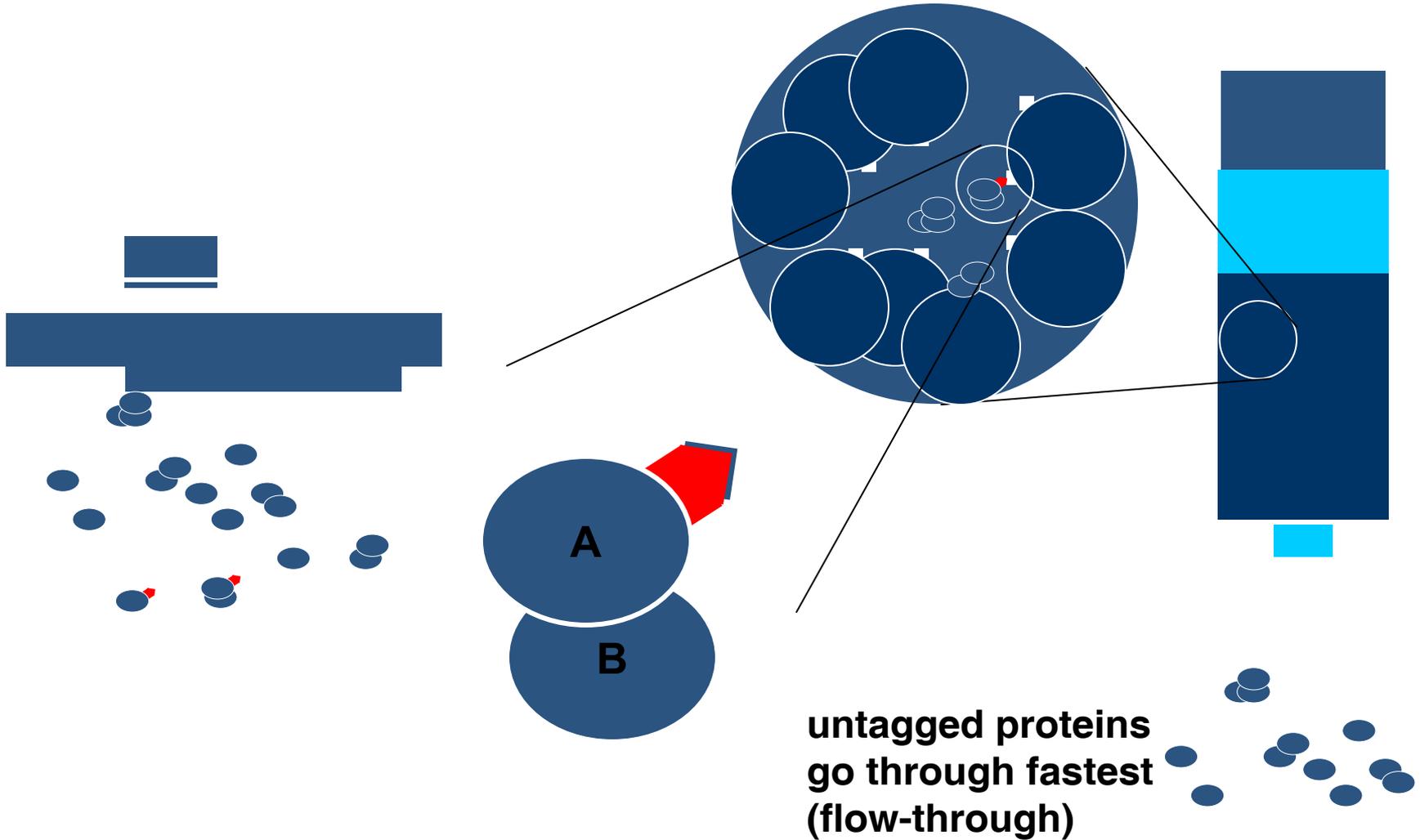
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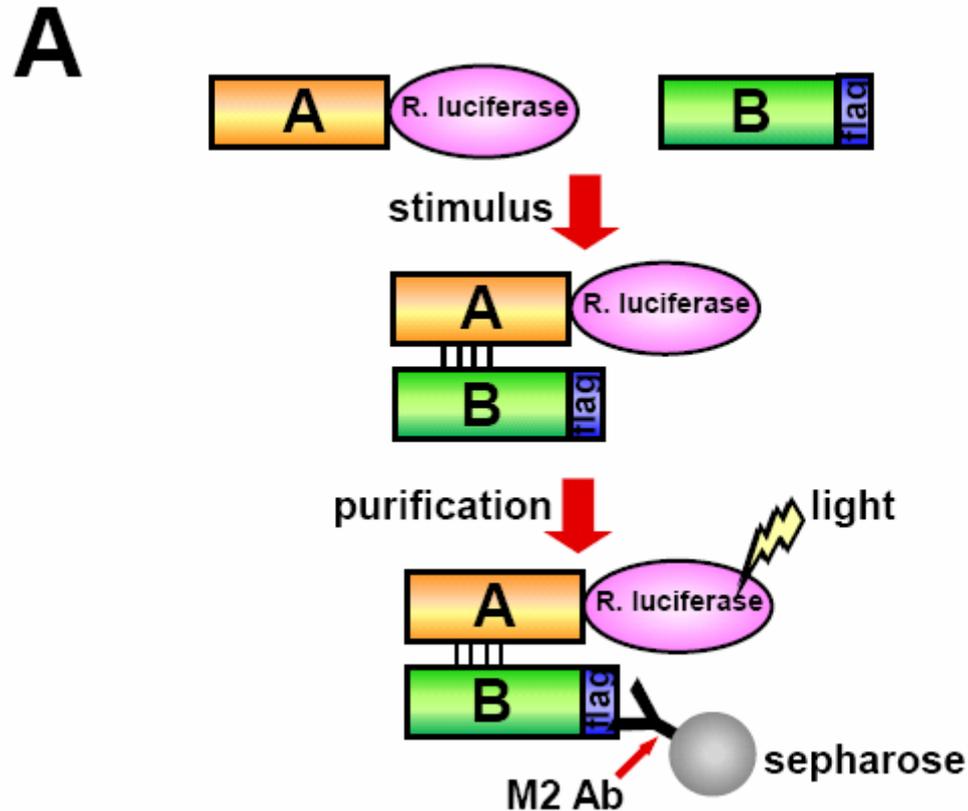


# Affinity purification/mass spectrometry





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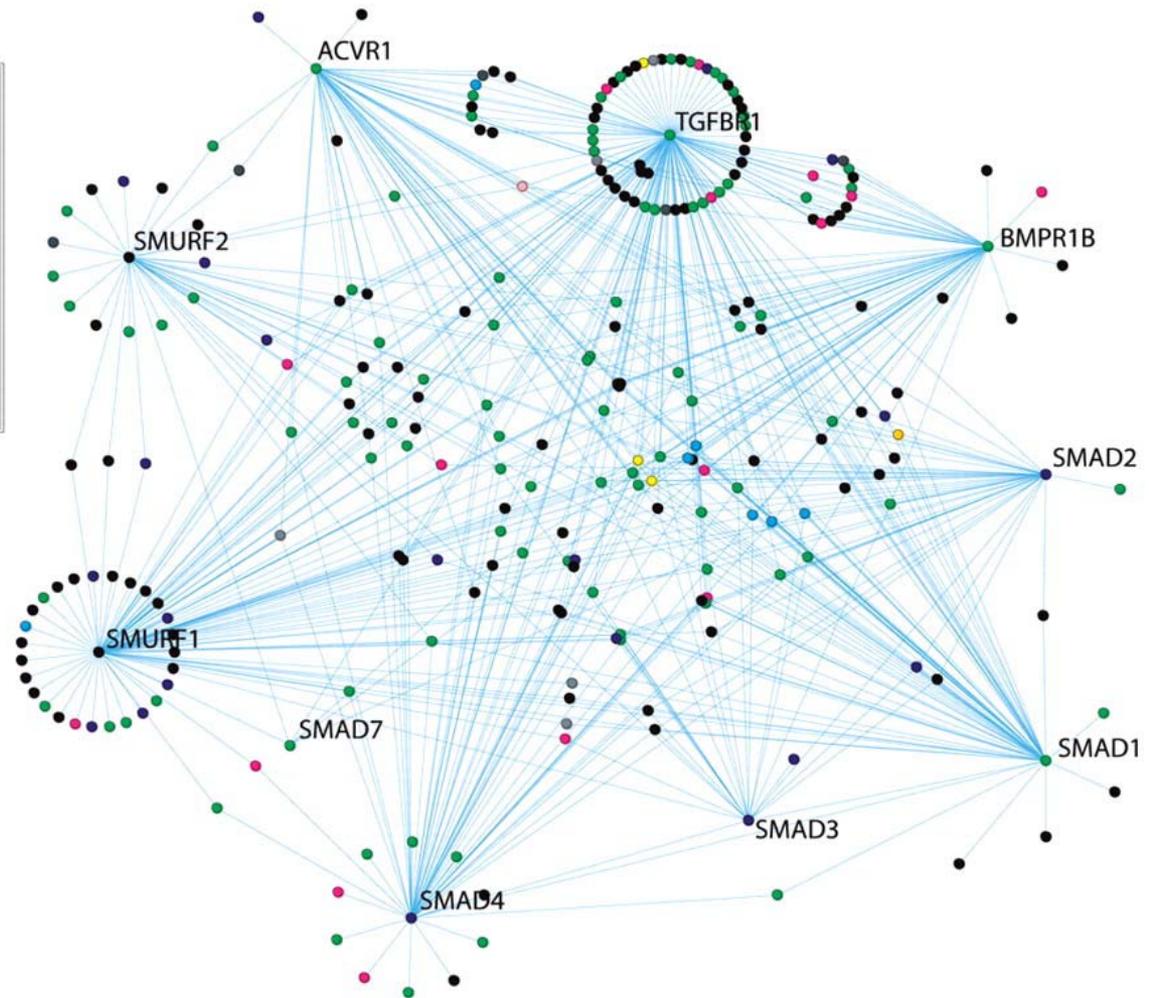
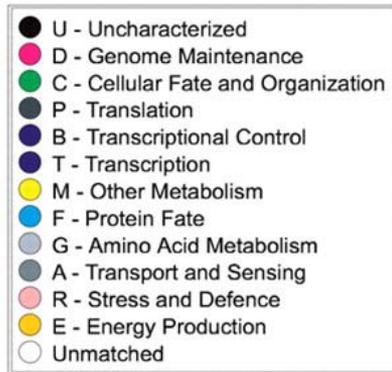


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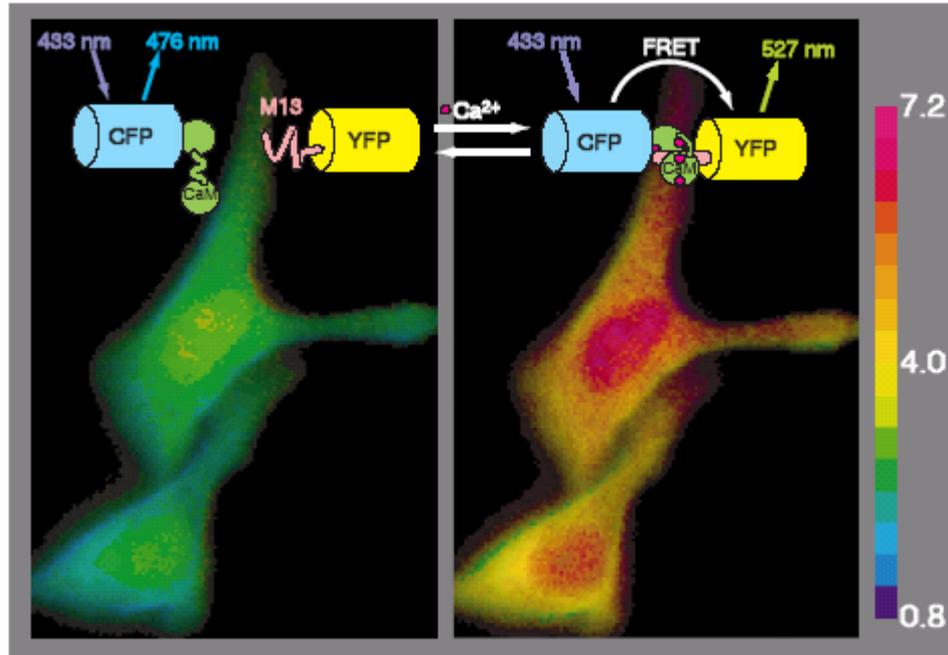
High-throughput mapping of a dynamic signaling network in mammalian cells.  
Science. 2005 Mar 11;307(5715):1621-5.

# High-throughput screening in 293 cells using the Lumier approach

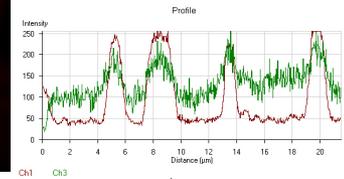
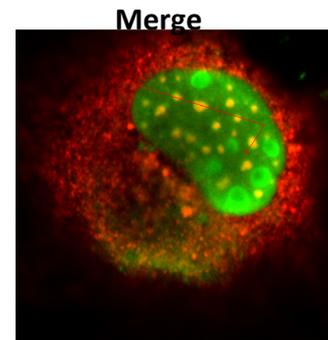
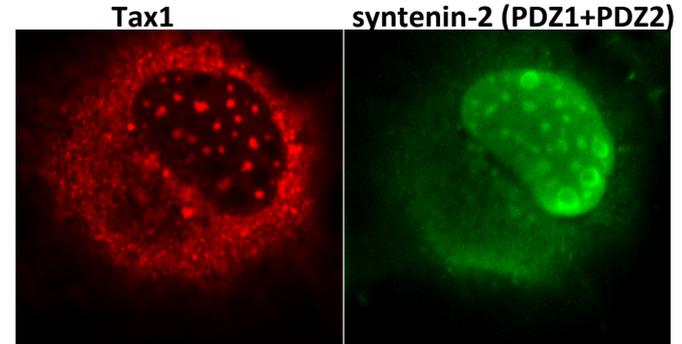
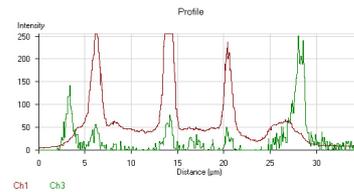
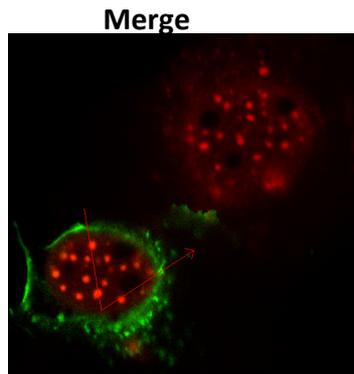
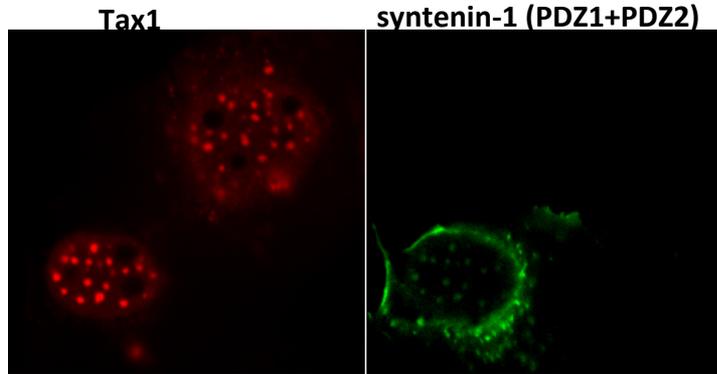
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# Monitoring assembly: FRET



# Monitoring interactions: co-localization

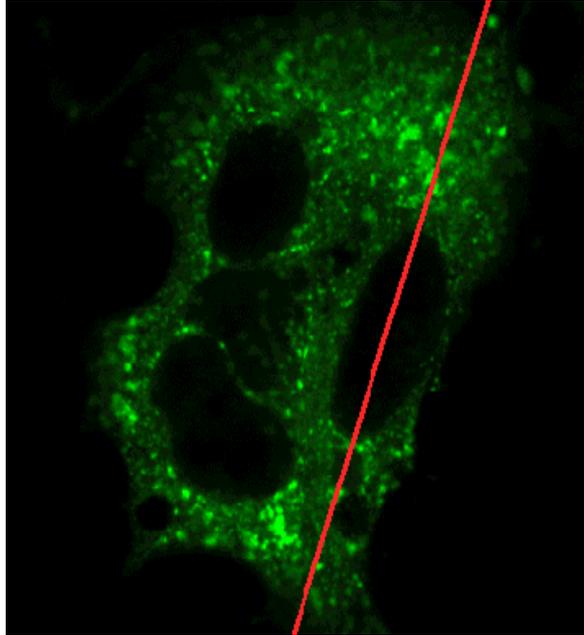


colocalization between syntenin-2 (PDZ1+PDZ2) and Tax1

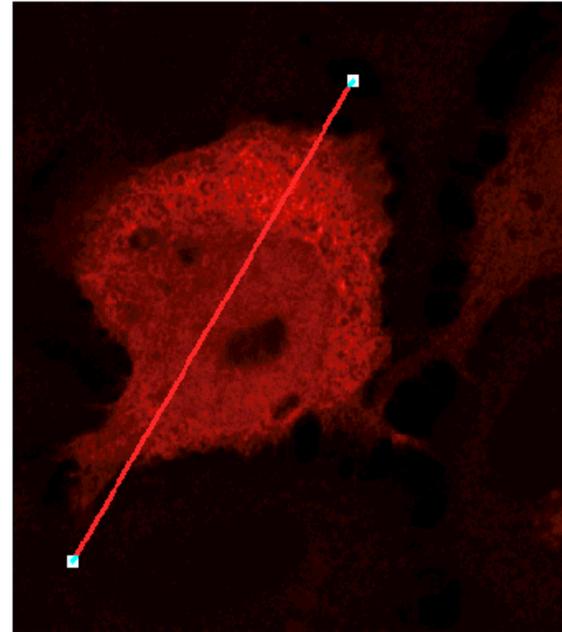
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# Monitoring interactions: localization change

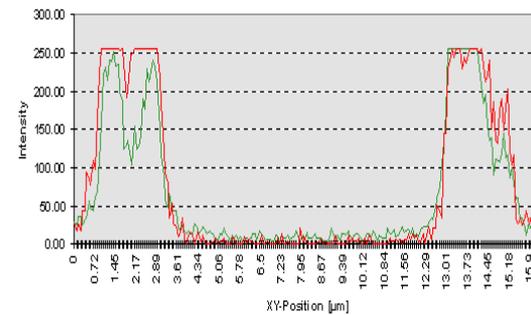
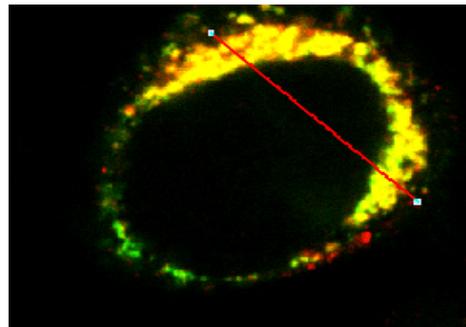
GFPTTP



Tax

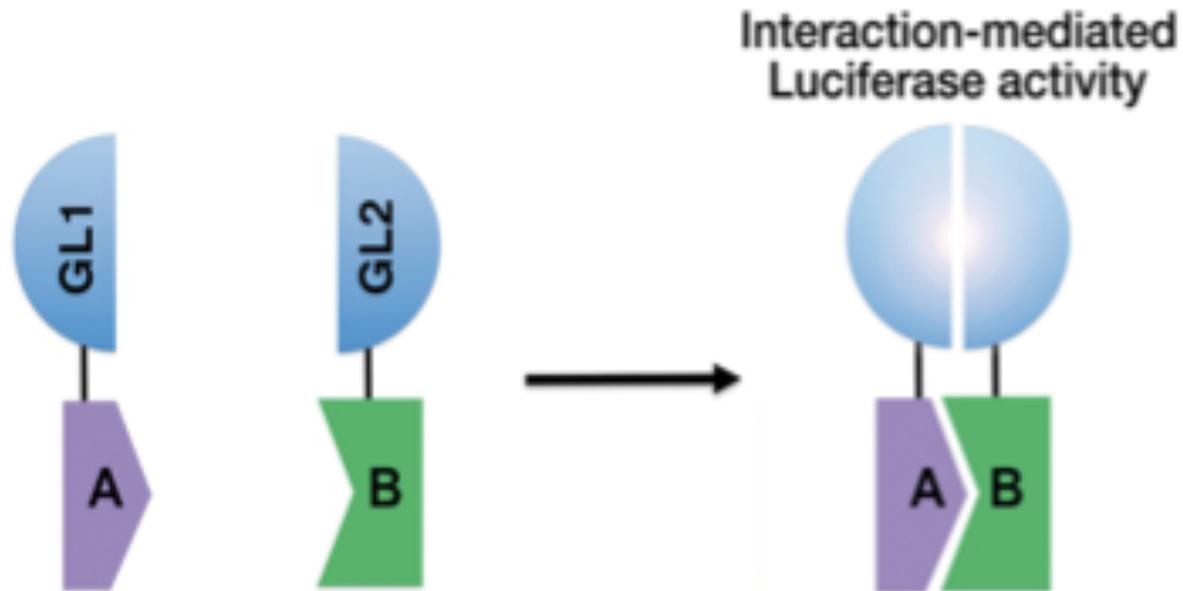


Tax1  
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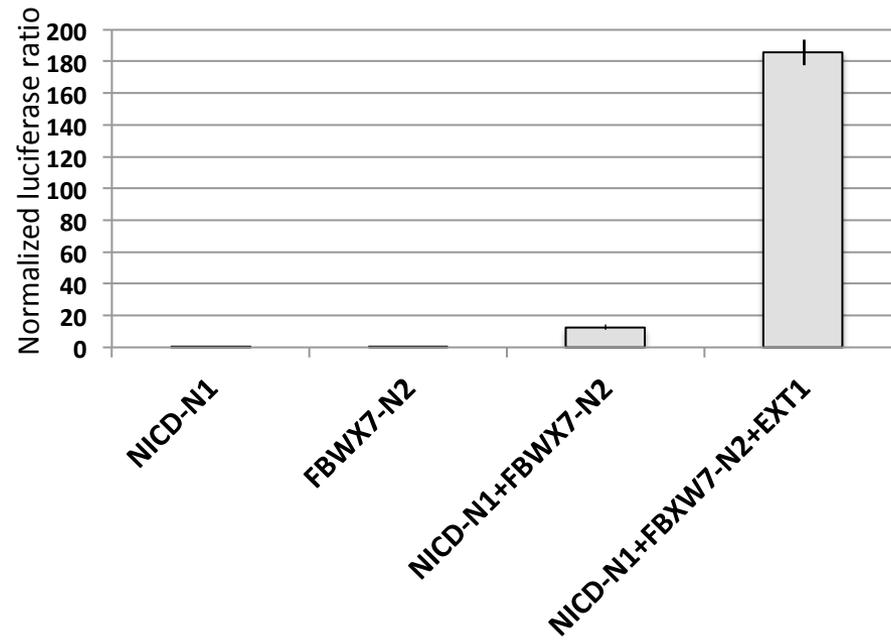


# Monitoring interactions: protein complementation

Gussia princeps luciferase (GL)-based protein complementation assay (PCA)

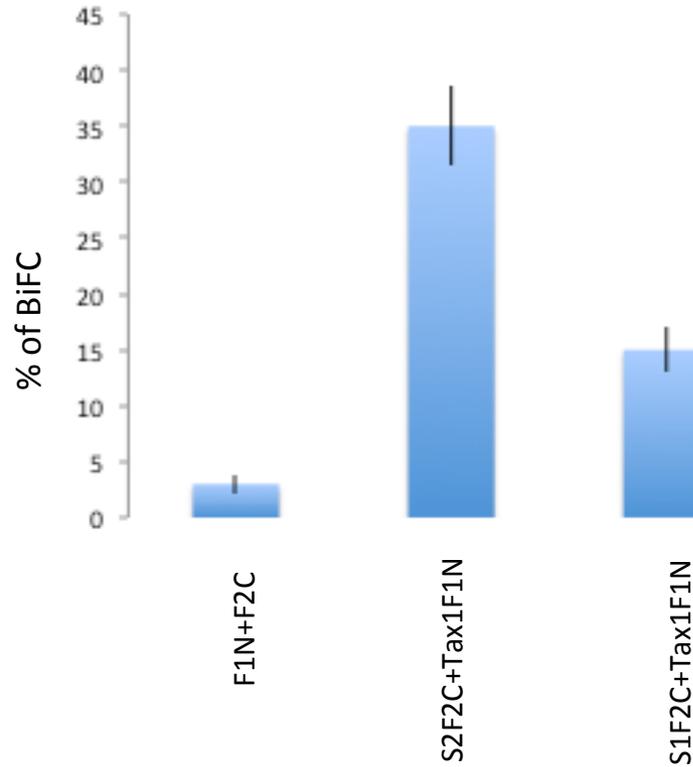
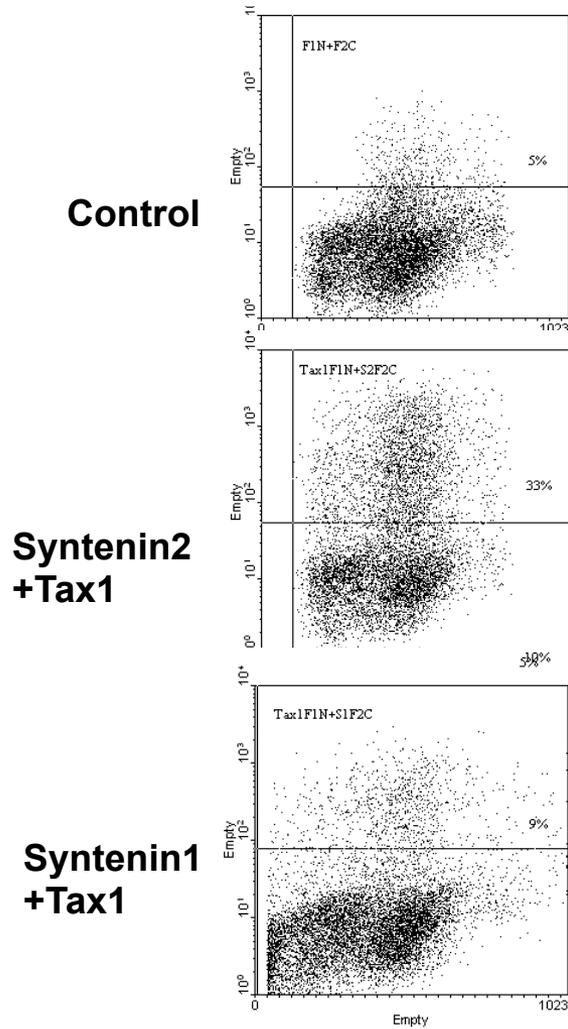


## Protein complementation assay



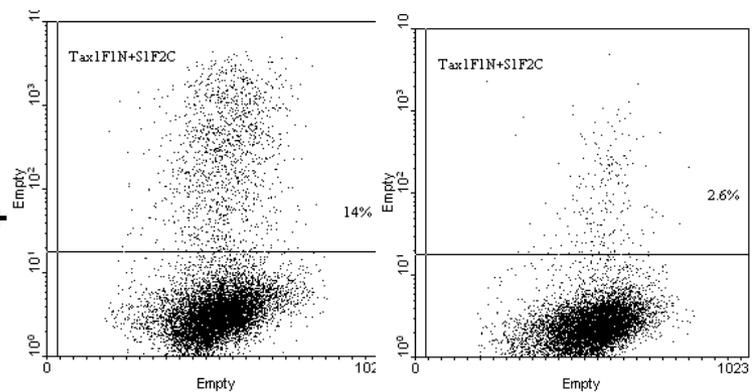
# Monitoring interactions: protein complementation

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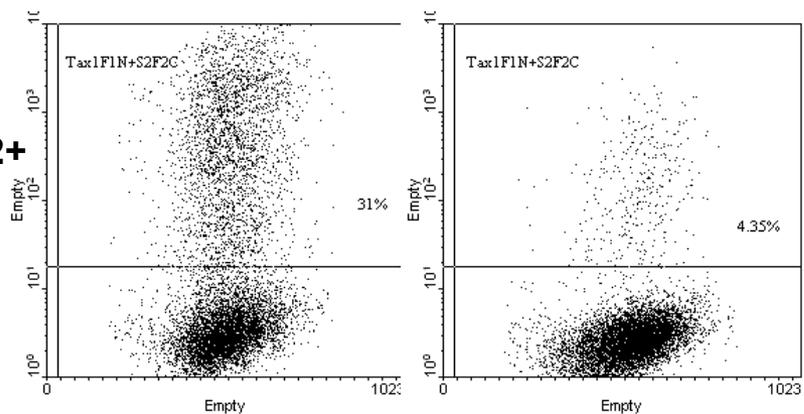


# FJ9 inhibits Tax/syntenin interaction

**Syntenin1+  
Tax1**



**Syntenin2+  
Tax1**



% of BiFC



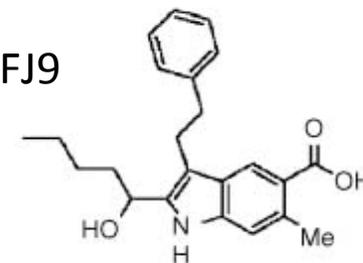
S2+Tax1

S2+Tax1+100uMFJ9

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FJ9

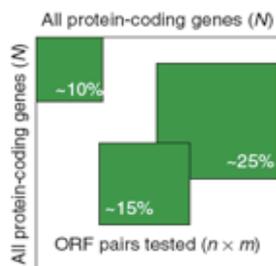


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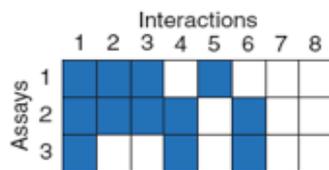
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# Empirical framework

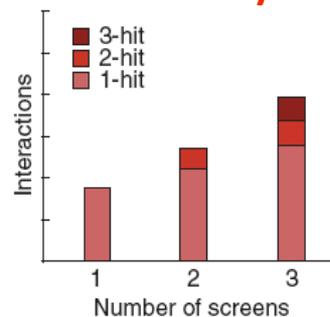
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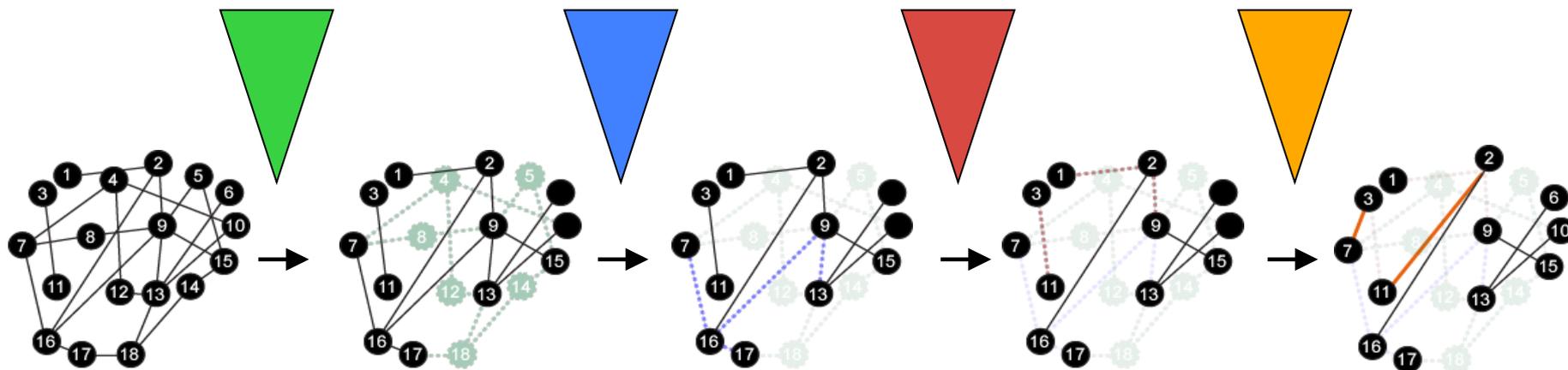
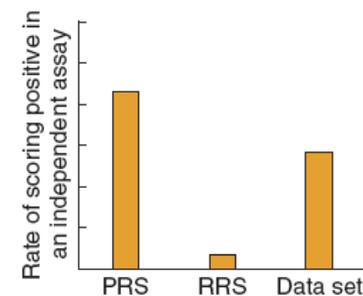
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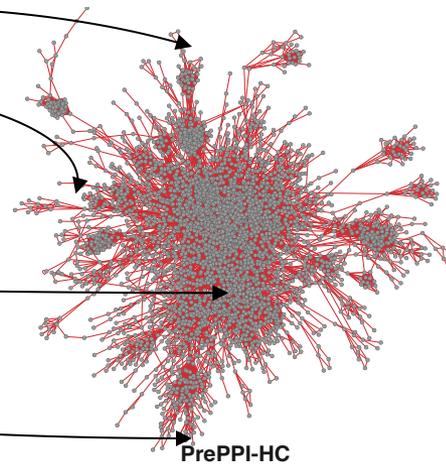
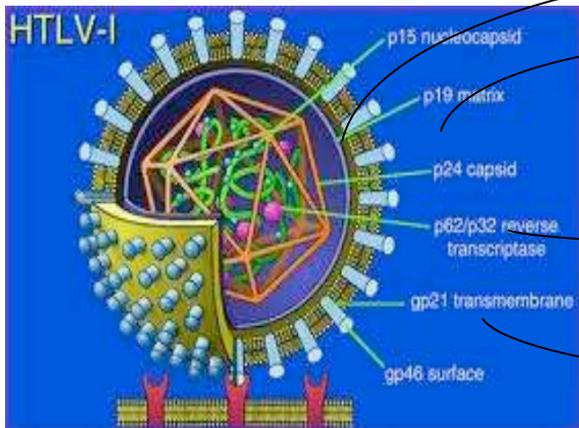
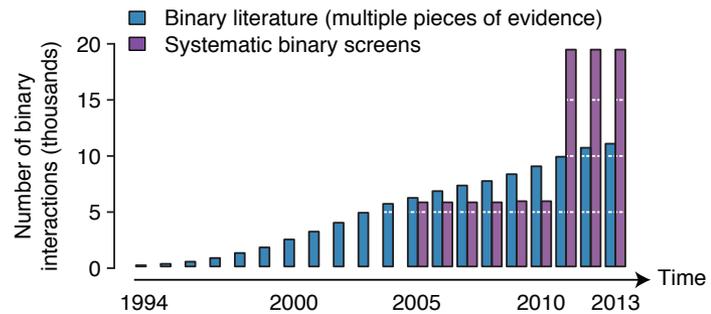
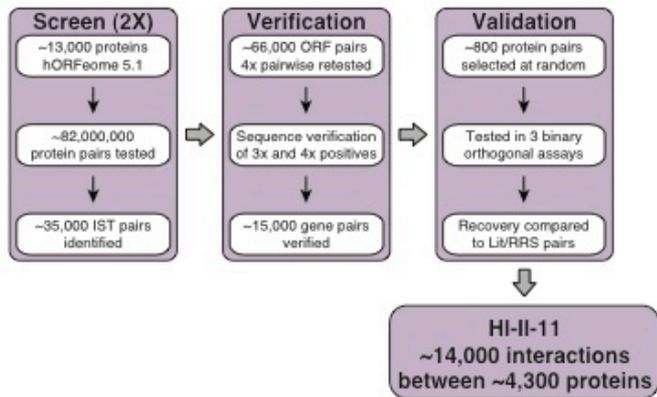
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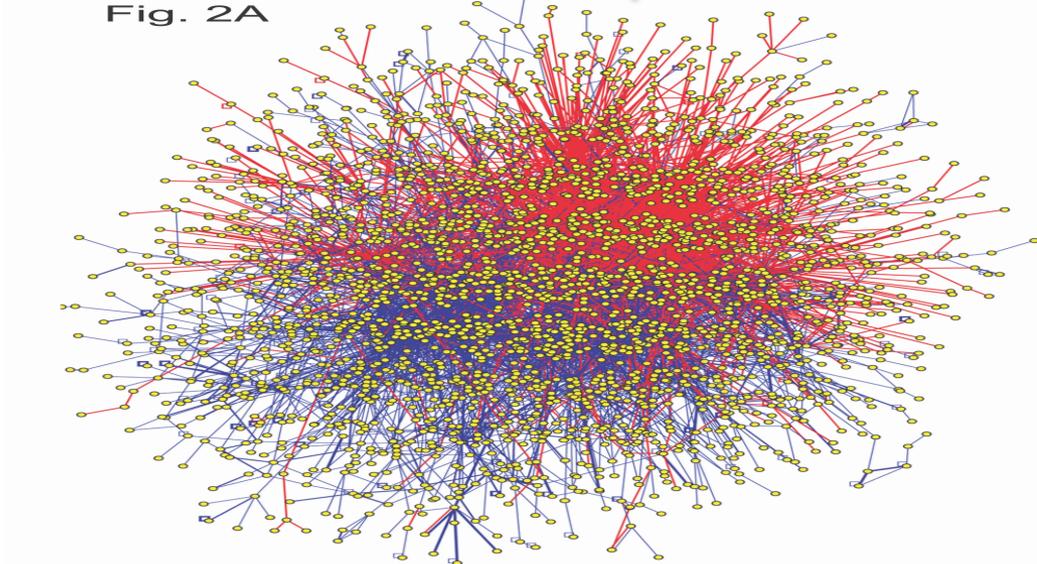
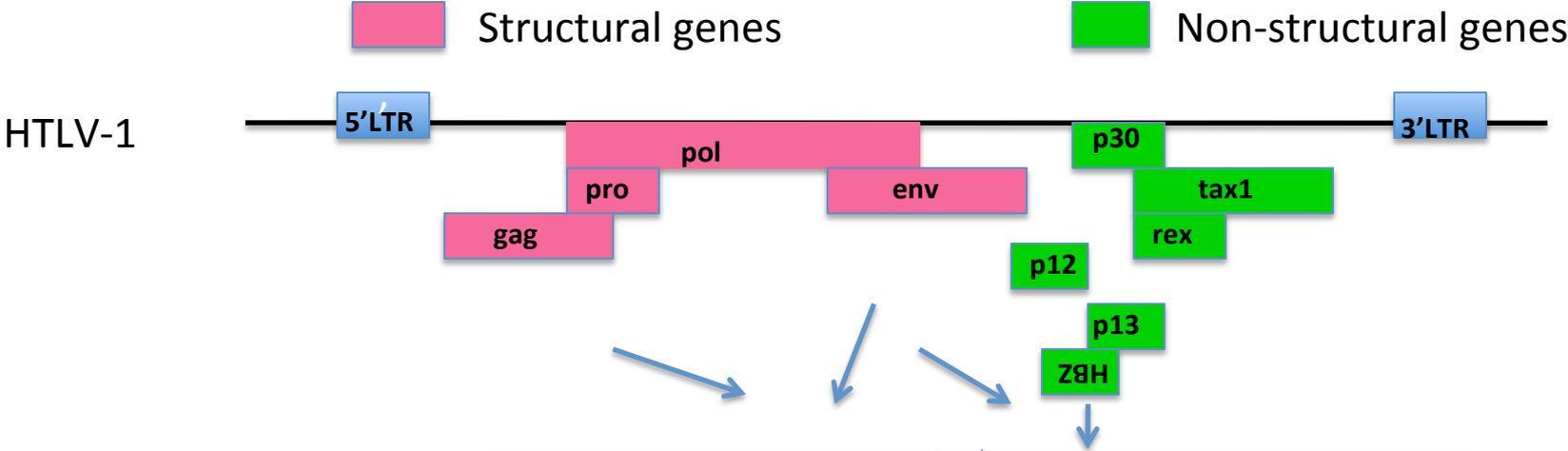
## Precision



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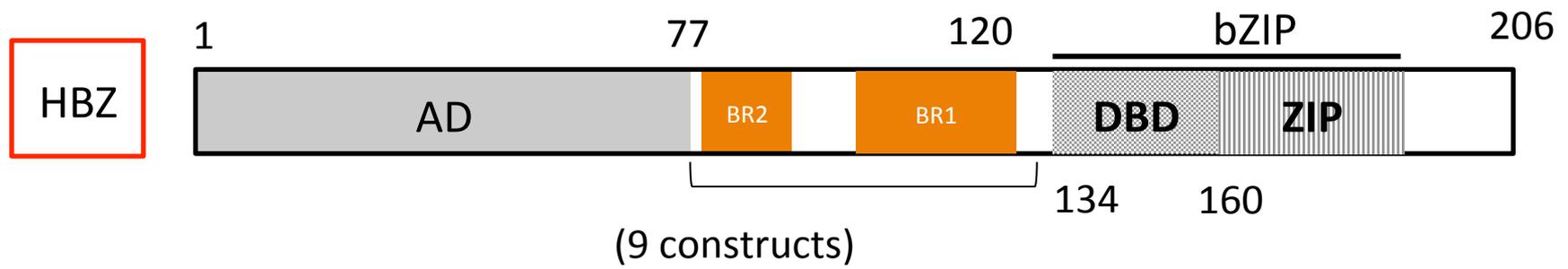
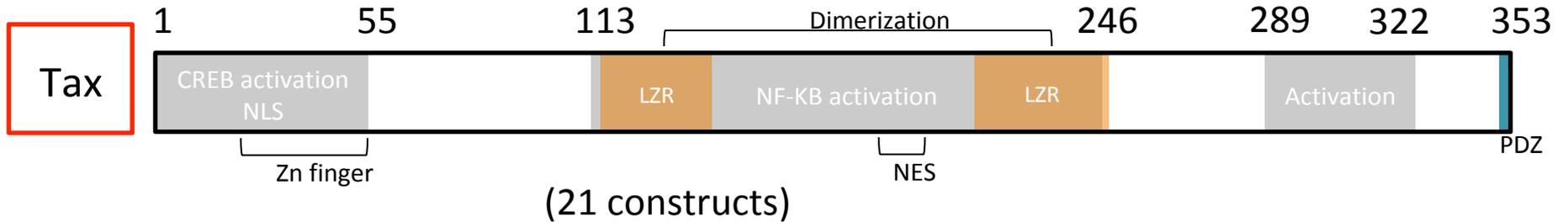


# Host – Pathogens interactome



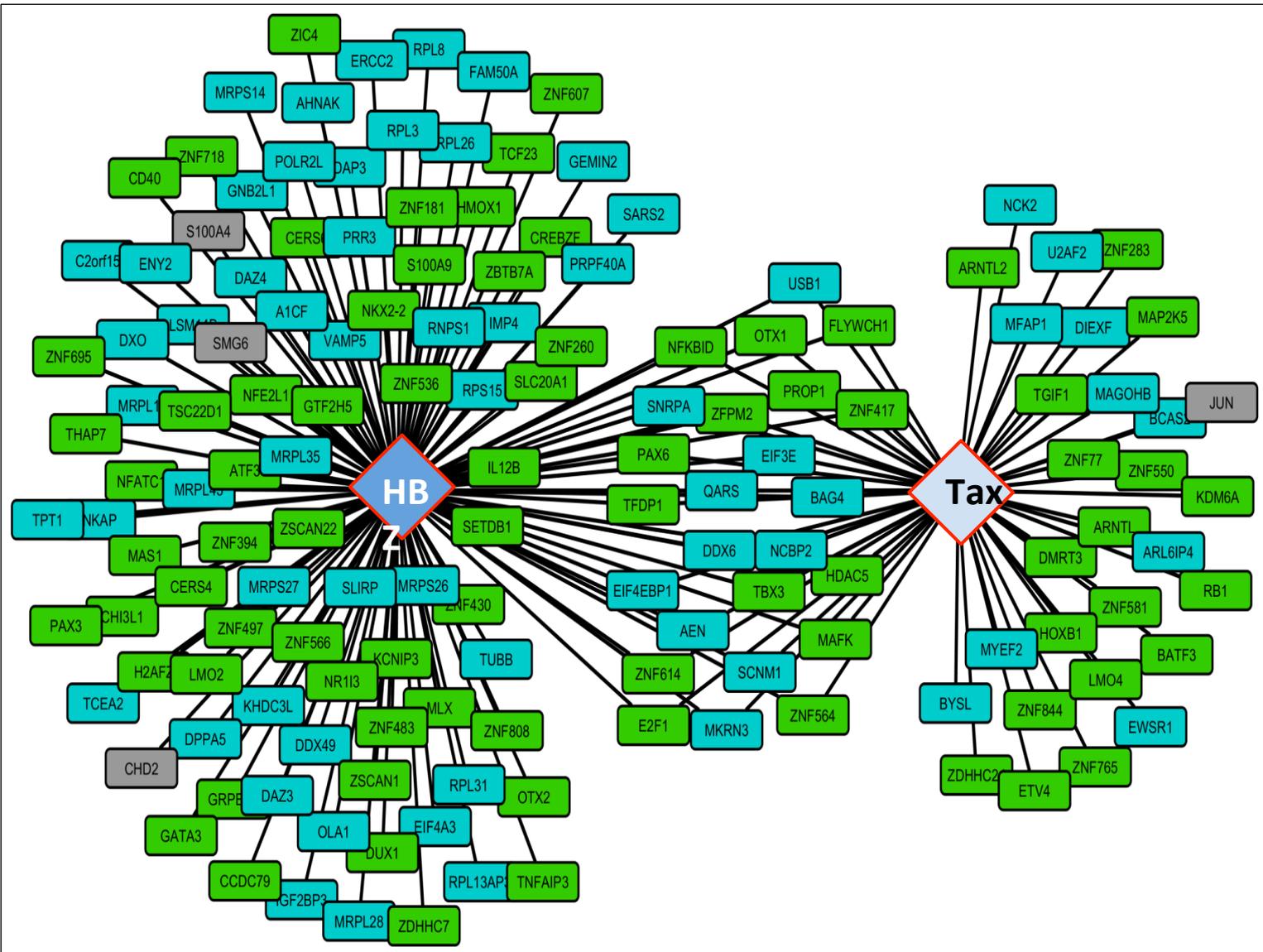
# Preliminary results

## Cloning of Tax and HBZ constructs



# Comprehensive mapping of Tax/HBZ interactome with Transcriptional and Post-transcriptional regulators

- RBPs
- TFs
- RBPs/TFs



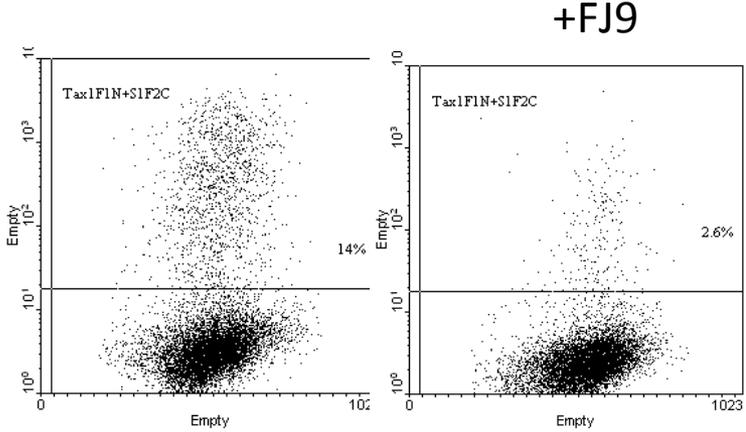
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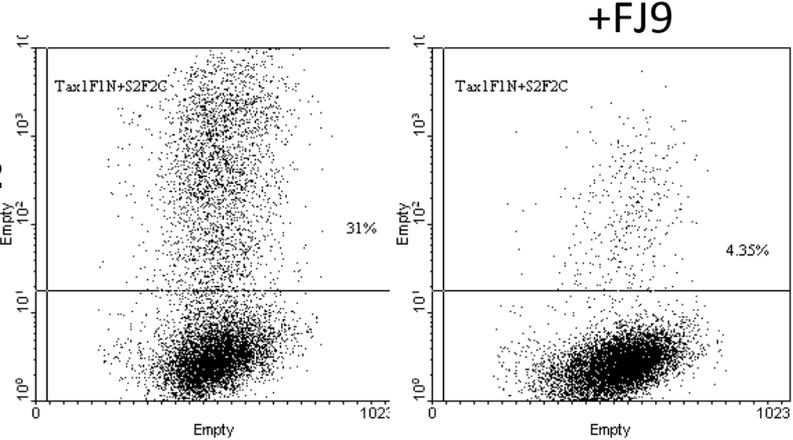


# Inhibition of protein – protein interactions by small molecules

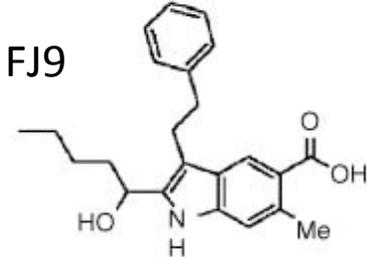
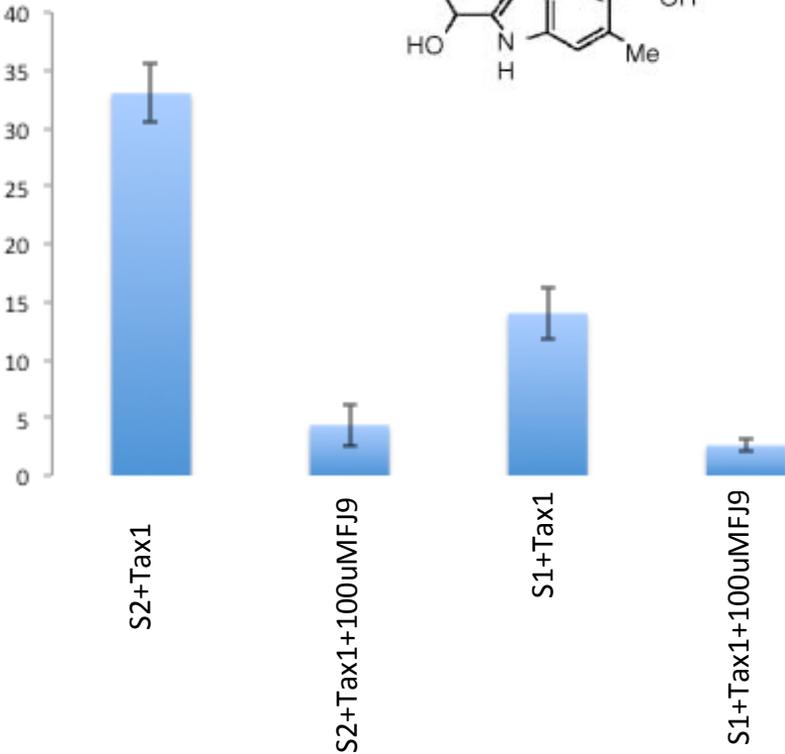
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+Tax1**



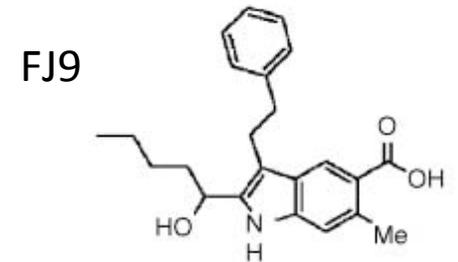
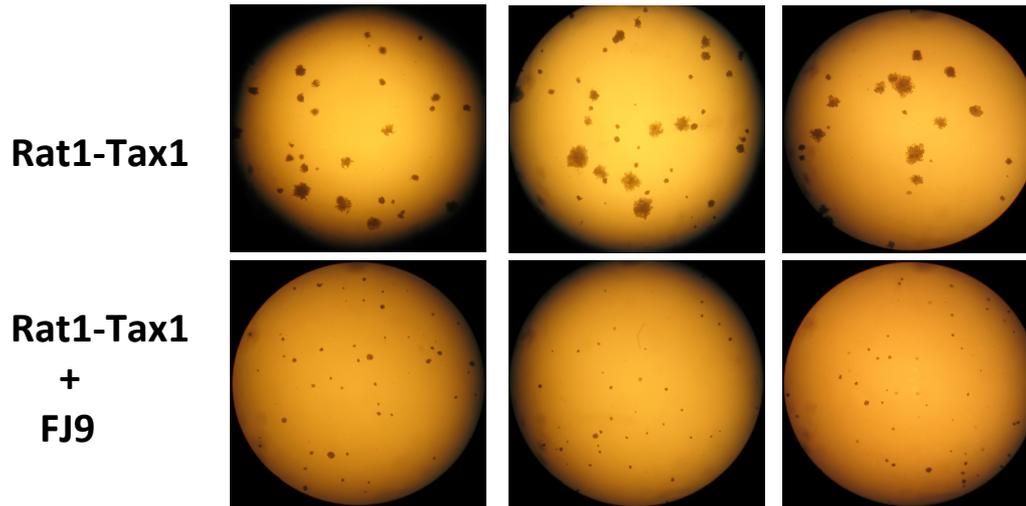
**Syntenin2  
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% of BiFC



# Inhibition of protein – protein and cellular transformation

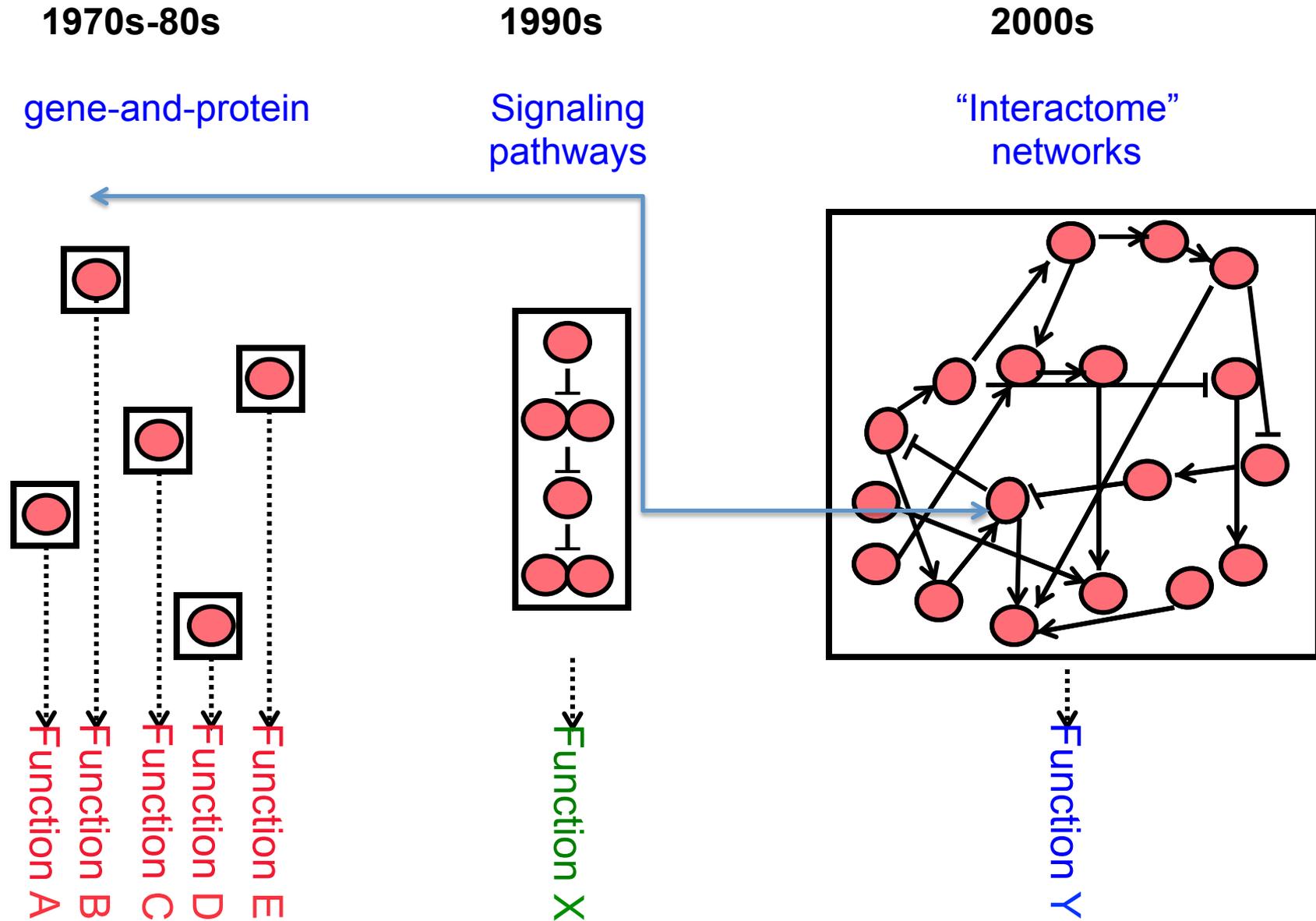


Disruption of Tax/ PDZ interaction inhibited Tax transformation as measured by a decrease in size and number of Tax-induced Rat-1 foci.

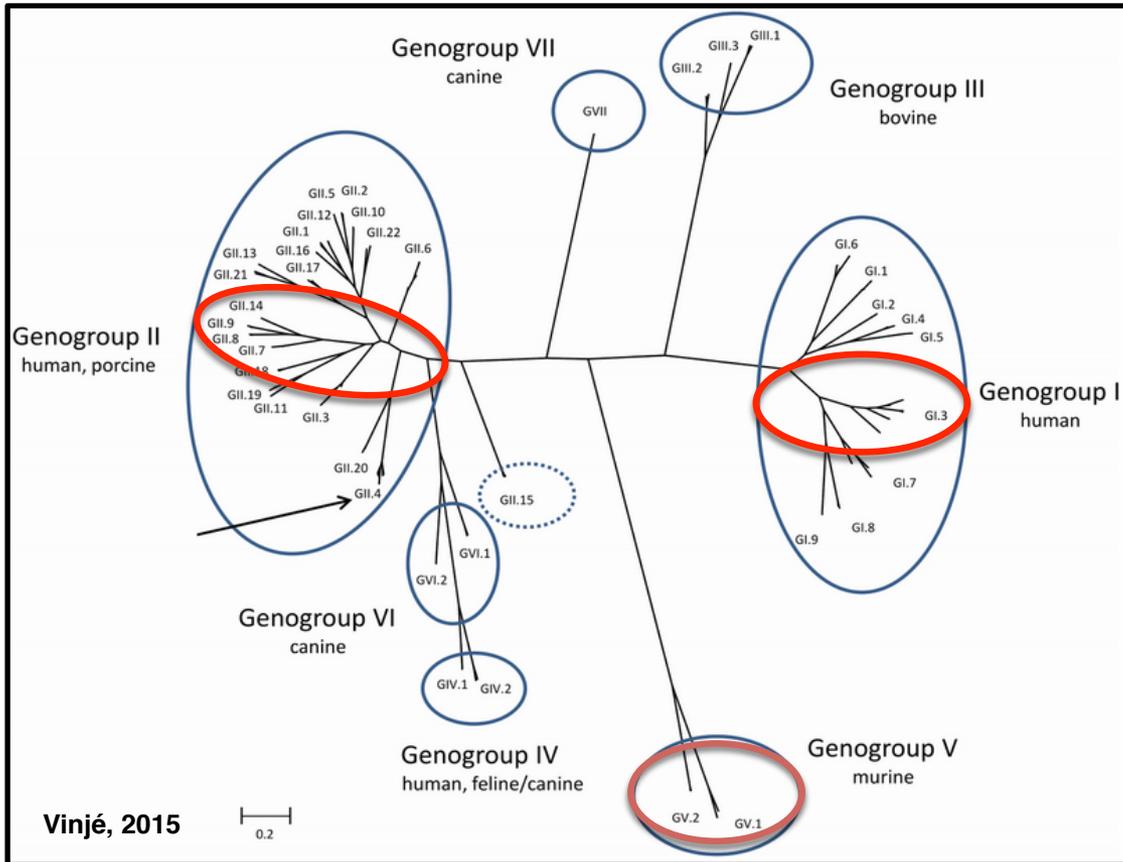


PDZ proteins involved in Tax1 transformation activity

# Models for overall functional organization of the cell



# Noroviruses Interactome



**GI.1 (ORF2+ORF3)**

**GI.2**

**GI.3**

**GI.4**

**GI.5**

**GI.6**

**GI.7**

**GI.8**

**GI.9**

**GII.1**

**GII.2**

**GII.3**

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**GII.9**

**GII.10**

**GII.12**

**GII.13**

**GII.14**

**GII.15**

**GII.16**

**GII.17**

**GII.20**

**GII.21**

**GII.22**

**GII.4 1974**

**GII.4 1987**

**GII.4 1997**

**GII.4 2002**

**GII.4 2002a**

**GII.4 2004**

**GII.4 2005**

**GII.4 2006 (complete)**

**GII.4 2009**

**GII.4 2012 (ORF2+ORF3)**

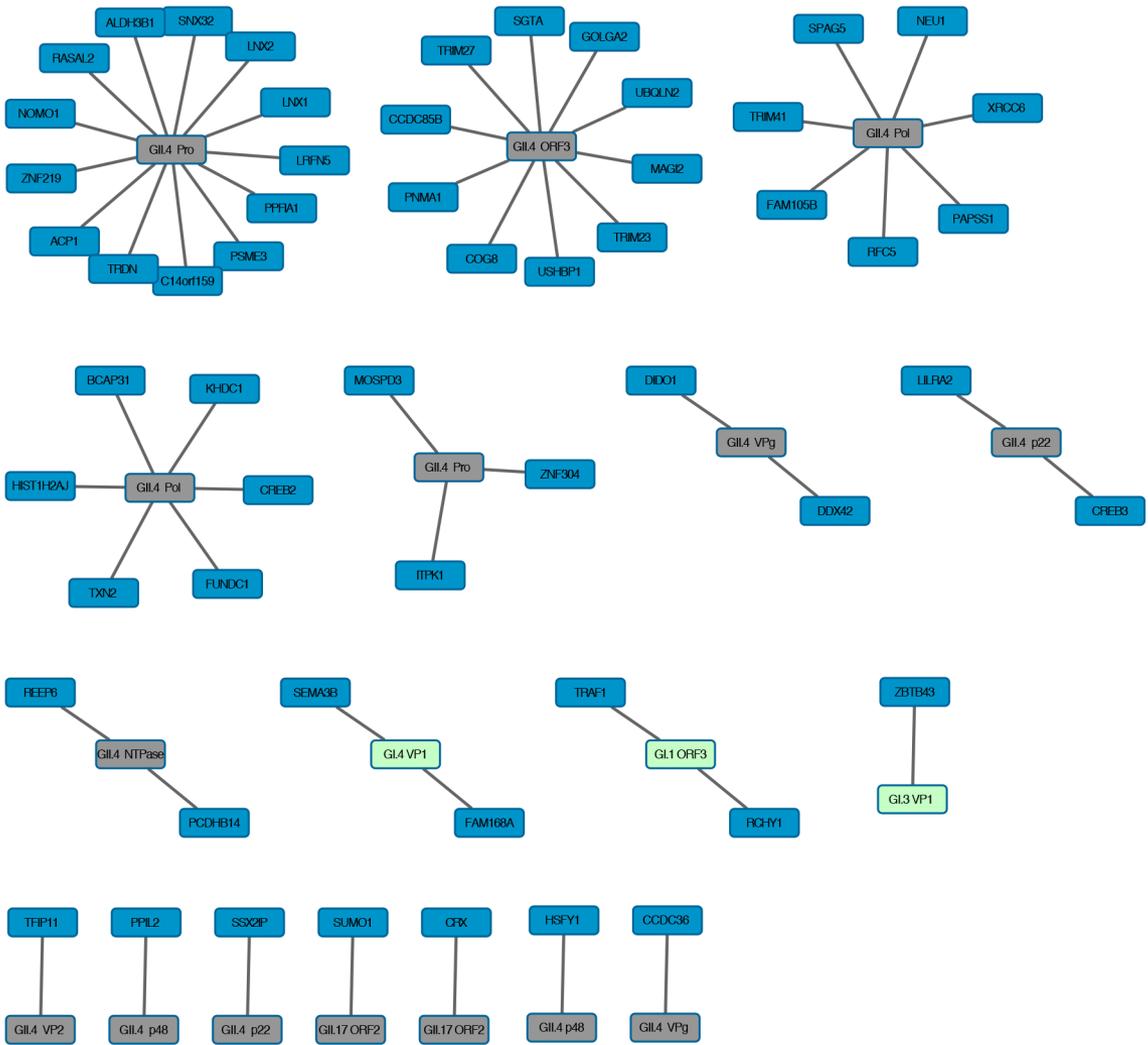
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**CW1 (complete; P-domain)**

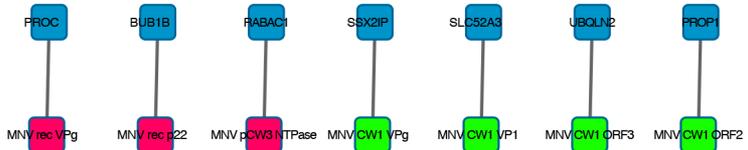
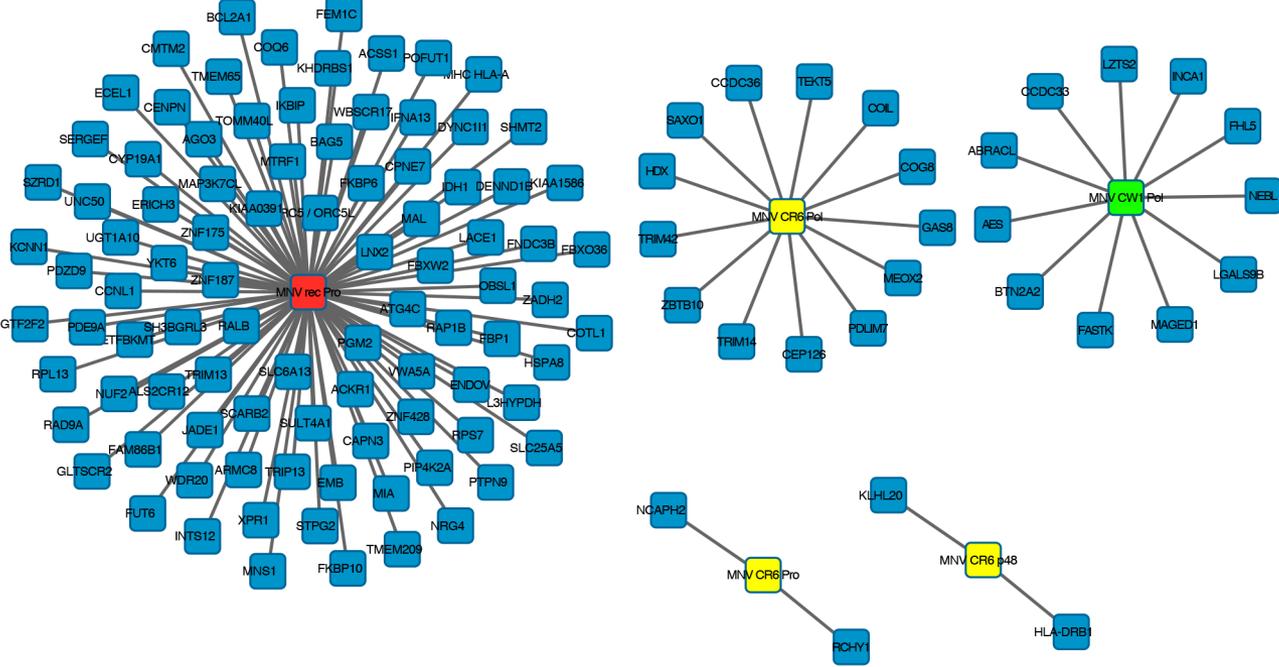
**CR6 (complete)**

**CW3 (complete)**

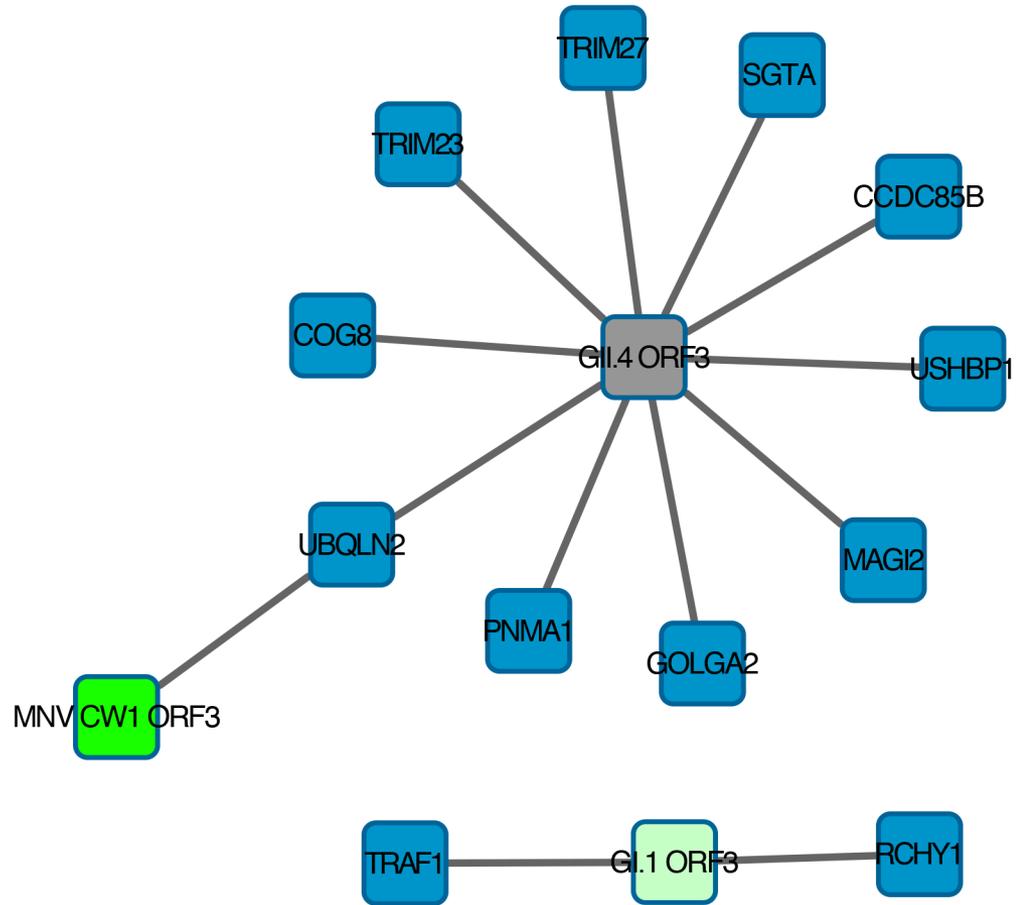
# A human – human noroviruses interactome



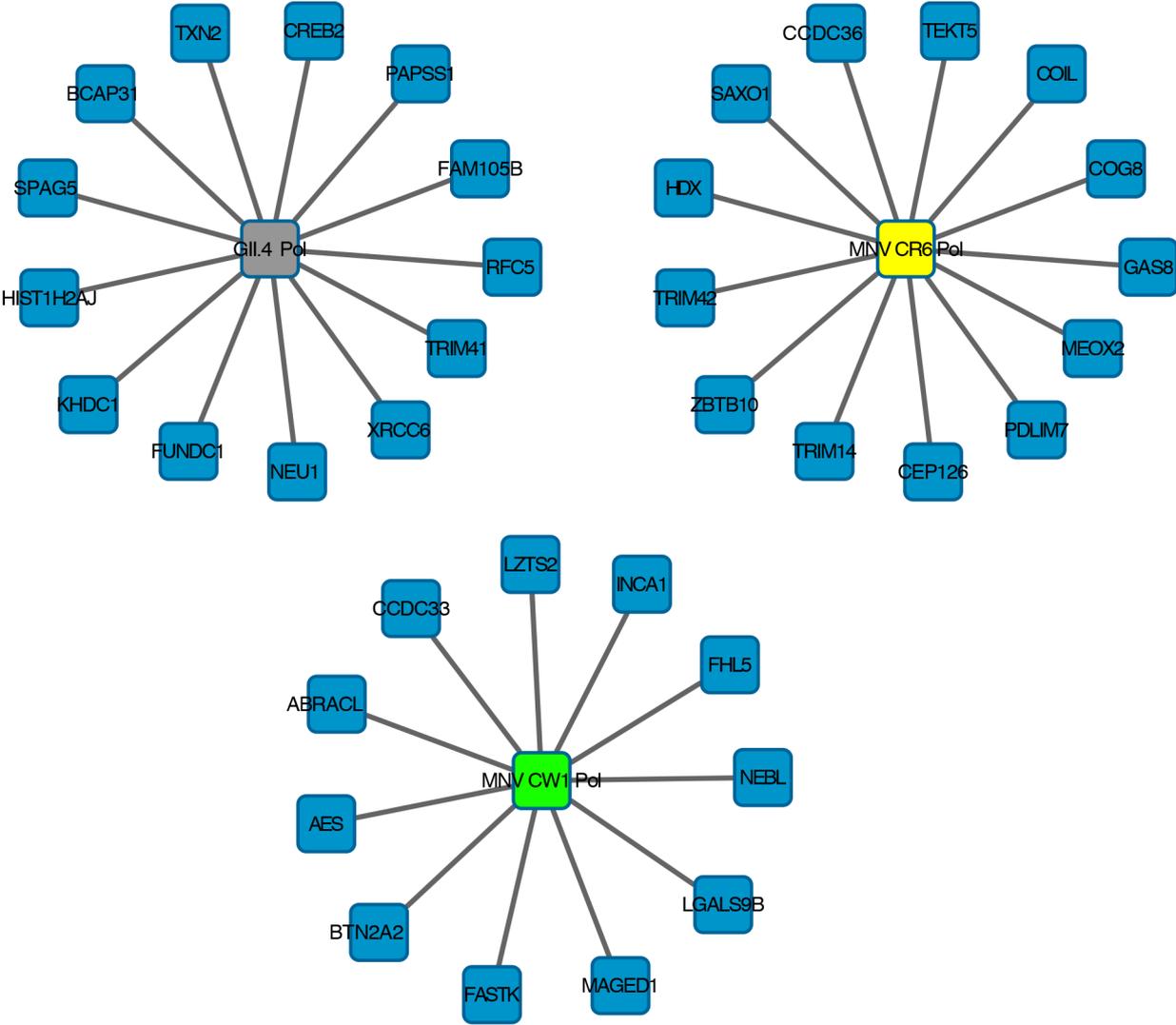
# A human – murine noroviruses interactome



# Comparison HNv – MNV: ORF3

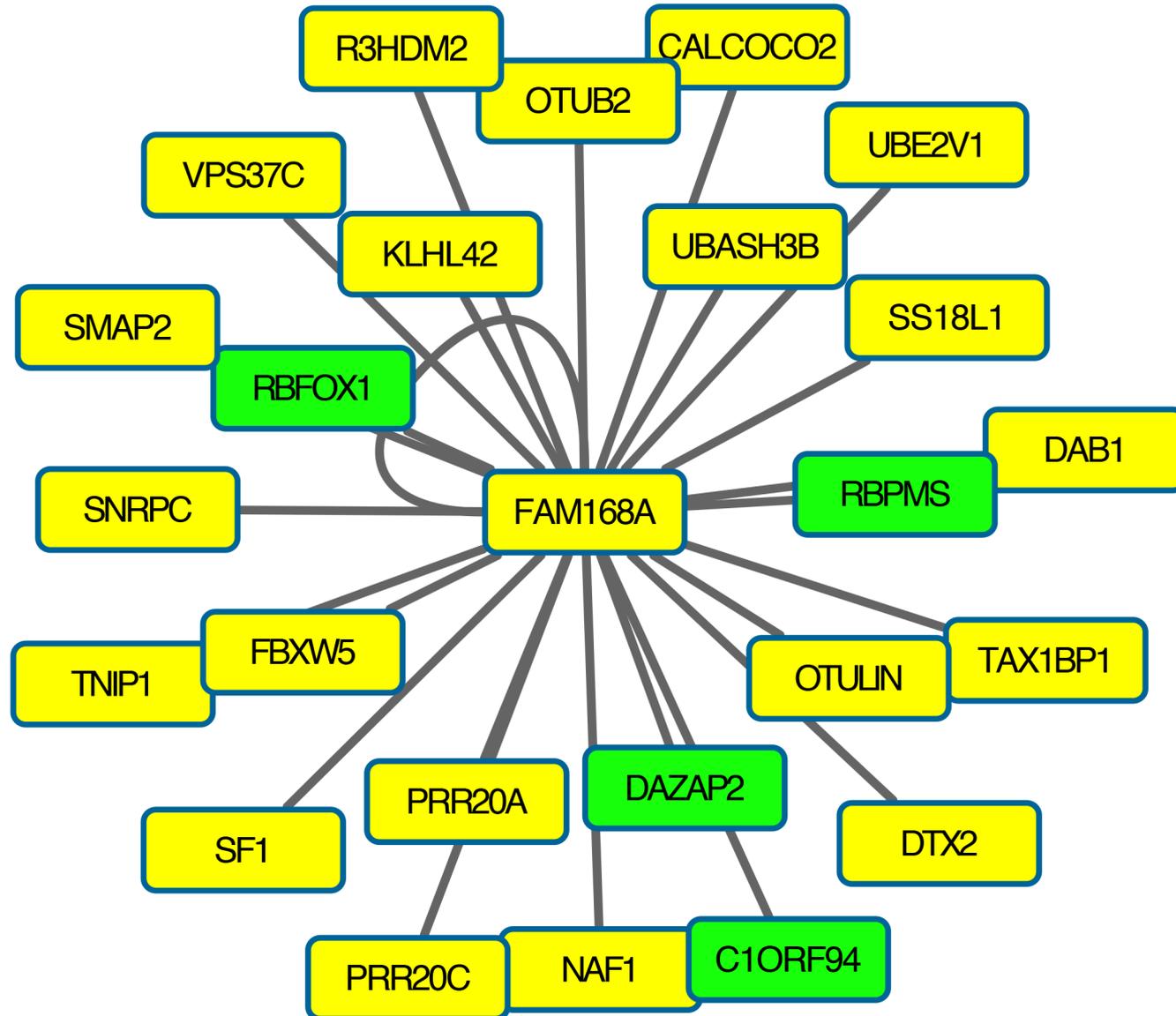


# Comparison HNV – MNV: Pol

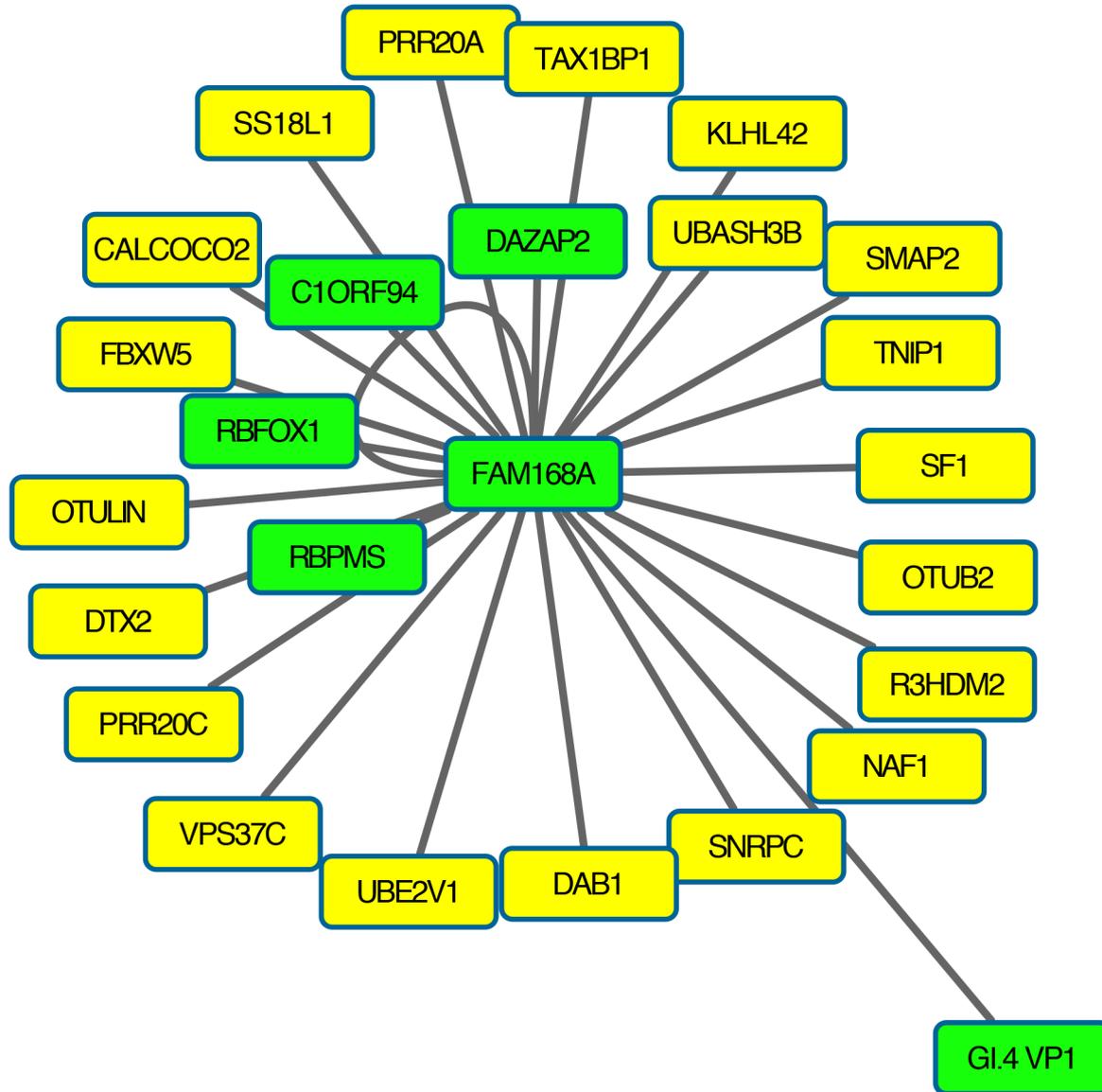




## Targeted hubs in the human interactome: FAM168A (TCRP1)



## VP1 and RNA binding proteins



# Mapping an interactome network

All proteins

All  
proteins

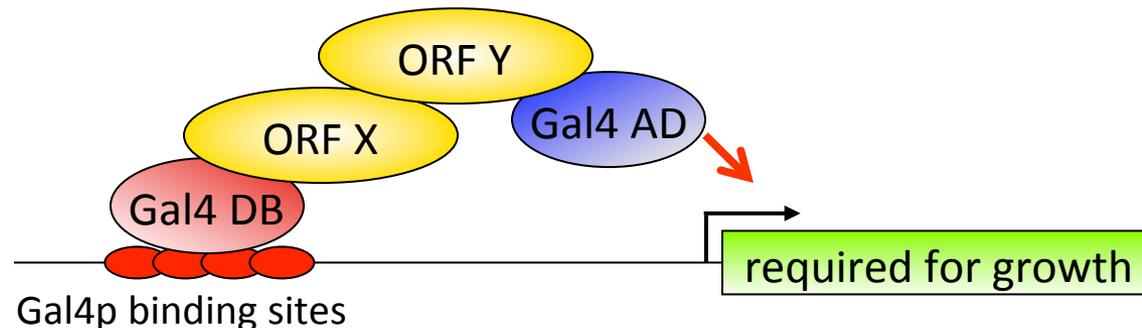
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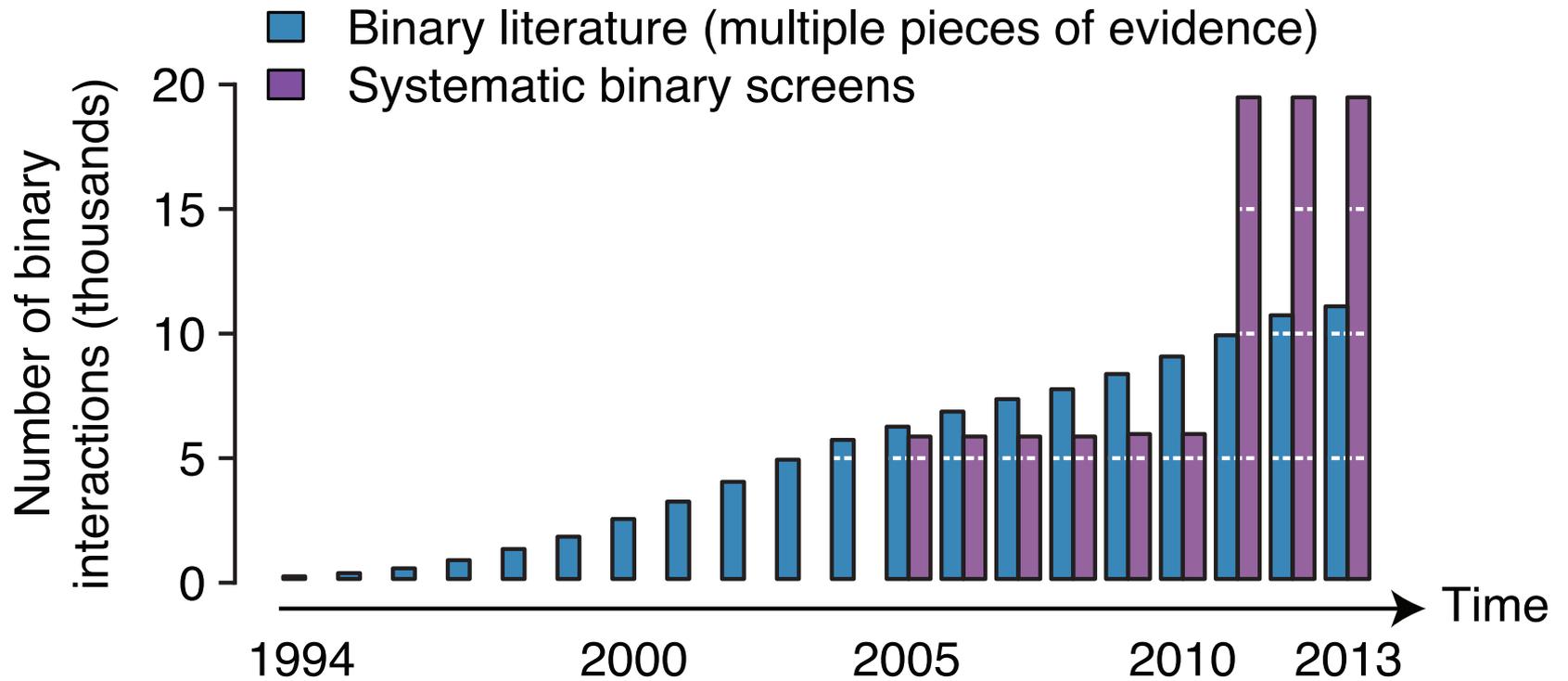
all pairwise combinations

for **possible** physical interactions

# Yeast two-hybrid

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- Fusion proteins DB-ORFX and ORFY-AD
- Reporter gene



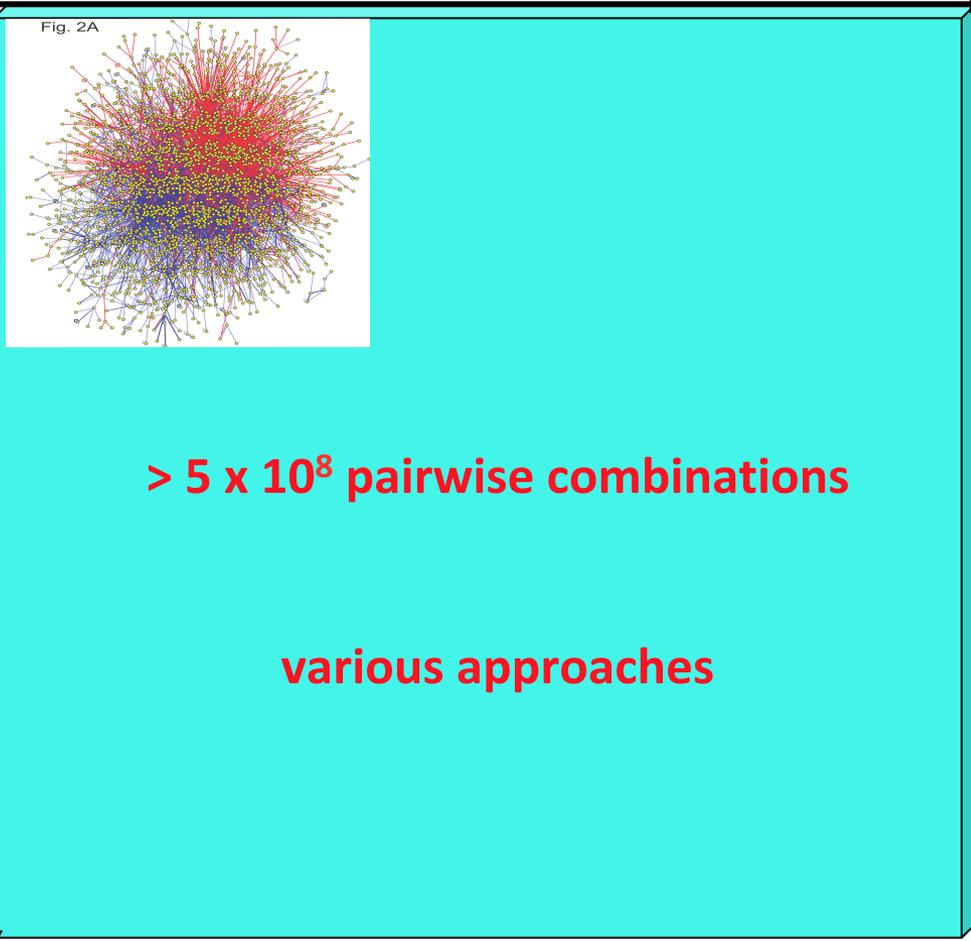


# Human interactome

Rual et al.; Nature 437, 1173-1178

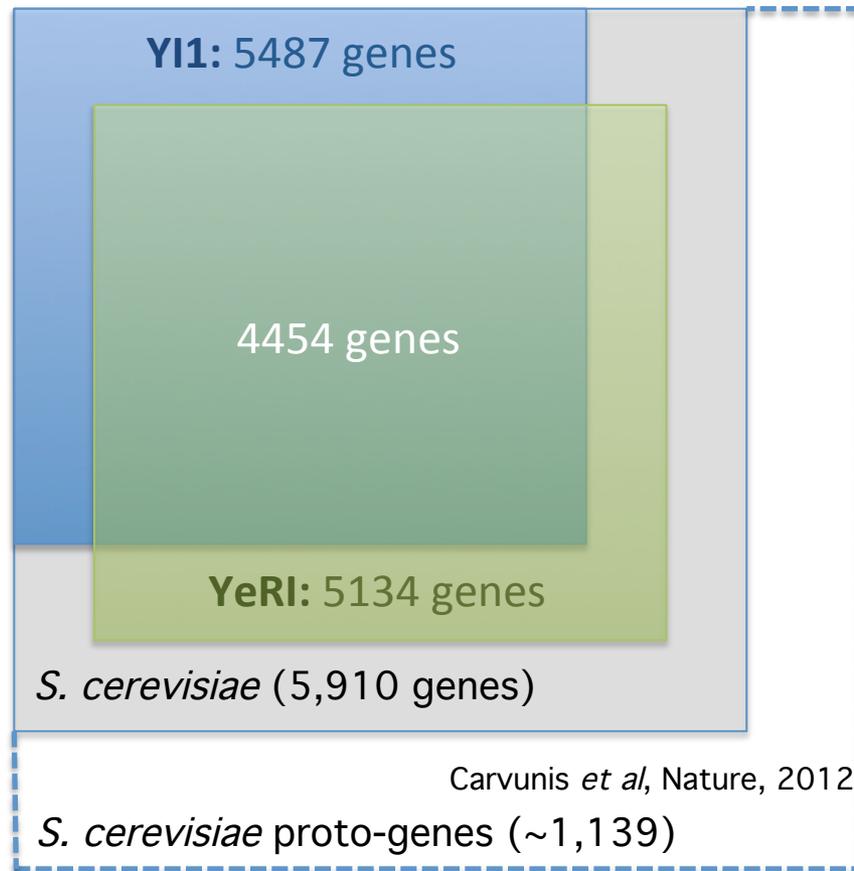
Stelzl et al.; Cell 122 (6), 957-68

>22,000 proteins



>22,000 proteins

## Towards completeness of the yeast interactome

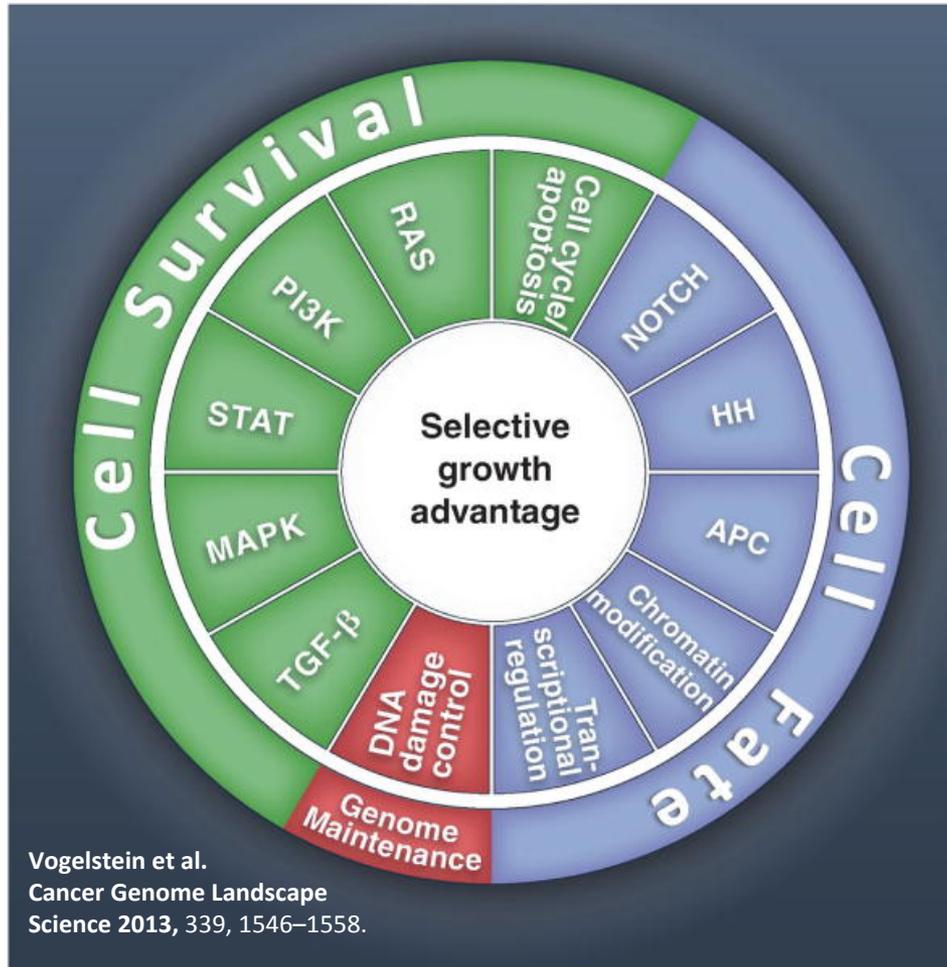


# Genomic mutations landscape in cancer

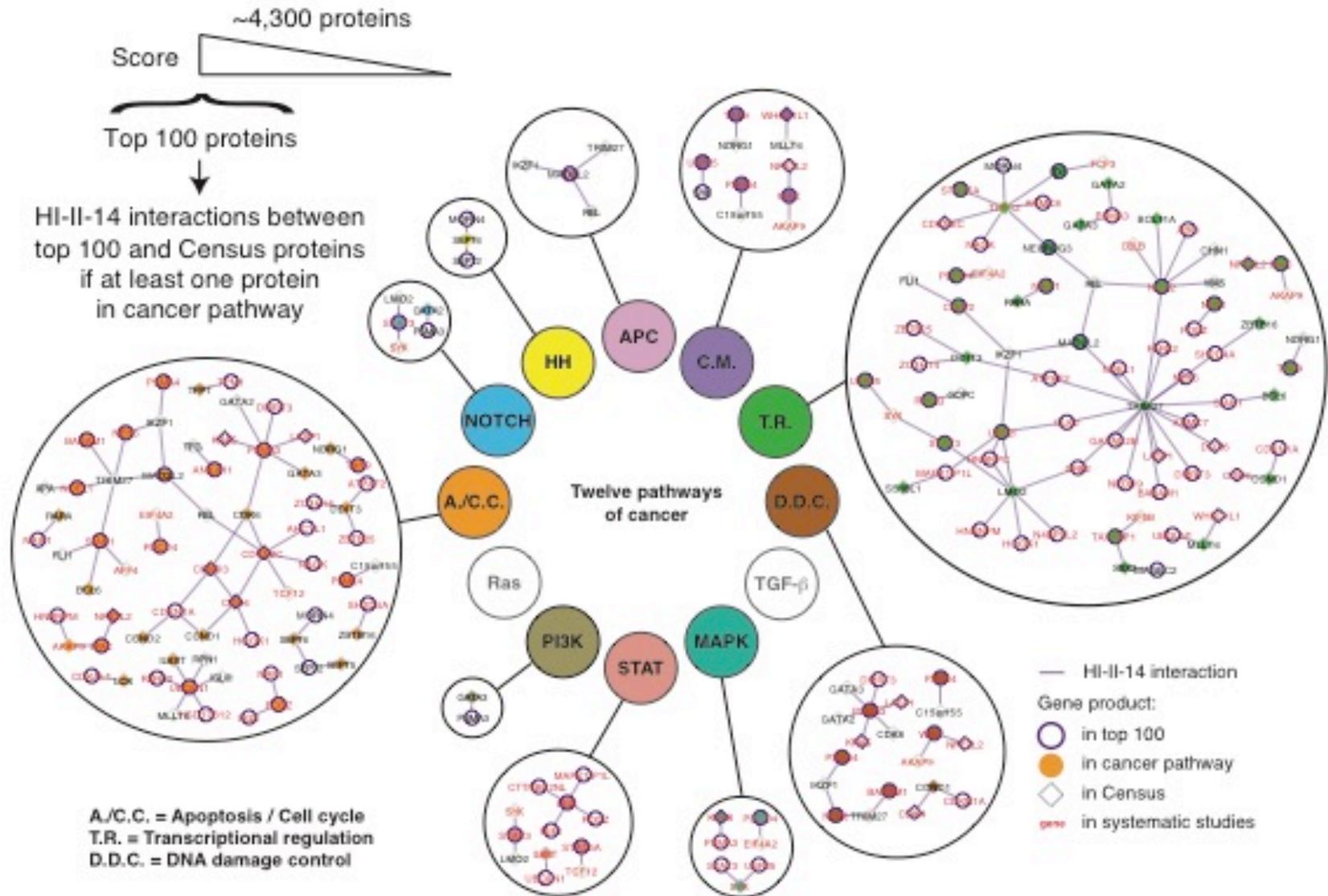
## Cancer Pathways

~ 500 cancer census genes

~140 cancer driver genes



# Guilt by association partners of known cancer genes

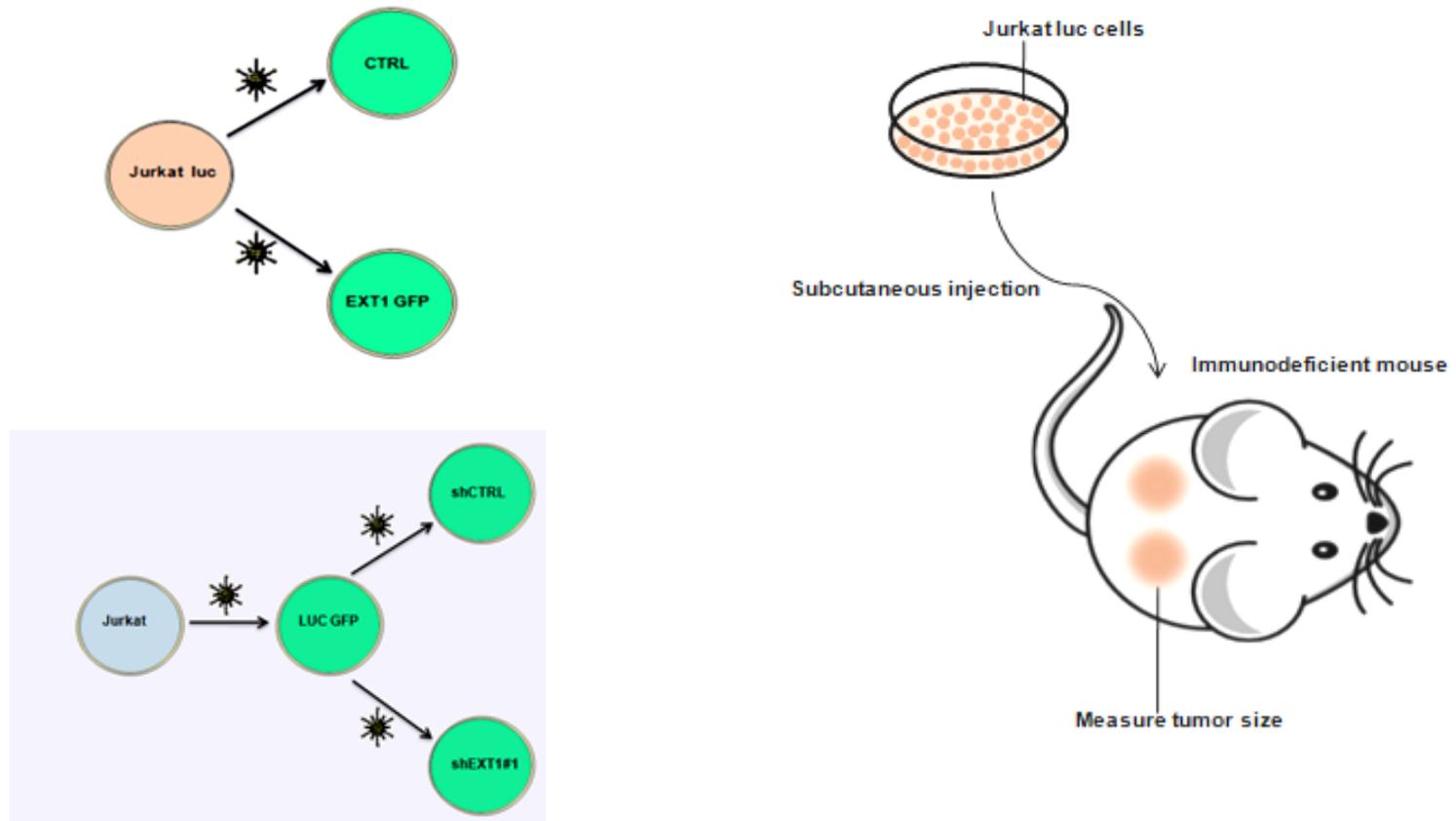


# 1. The role of EXT1 in T-ALL

## Silencing/over-expression of EXT1 in a T-ALL in *in vivo* model

### Tumor xenograft experiment

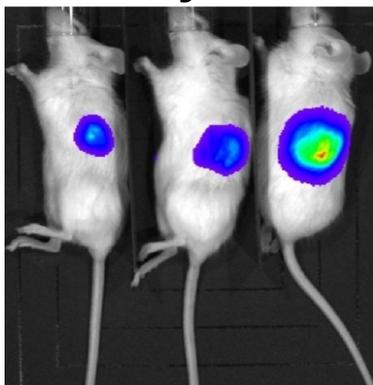
Based on bioluminescence imaging (BLI) with luciferase reporter



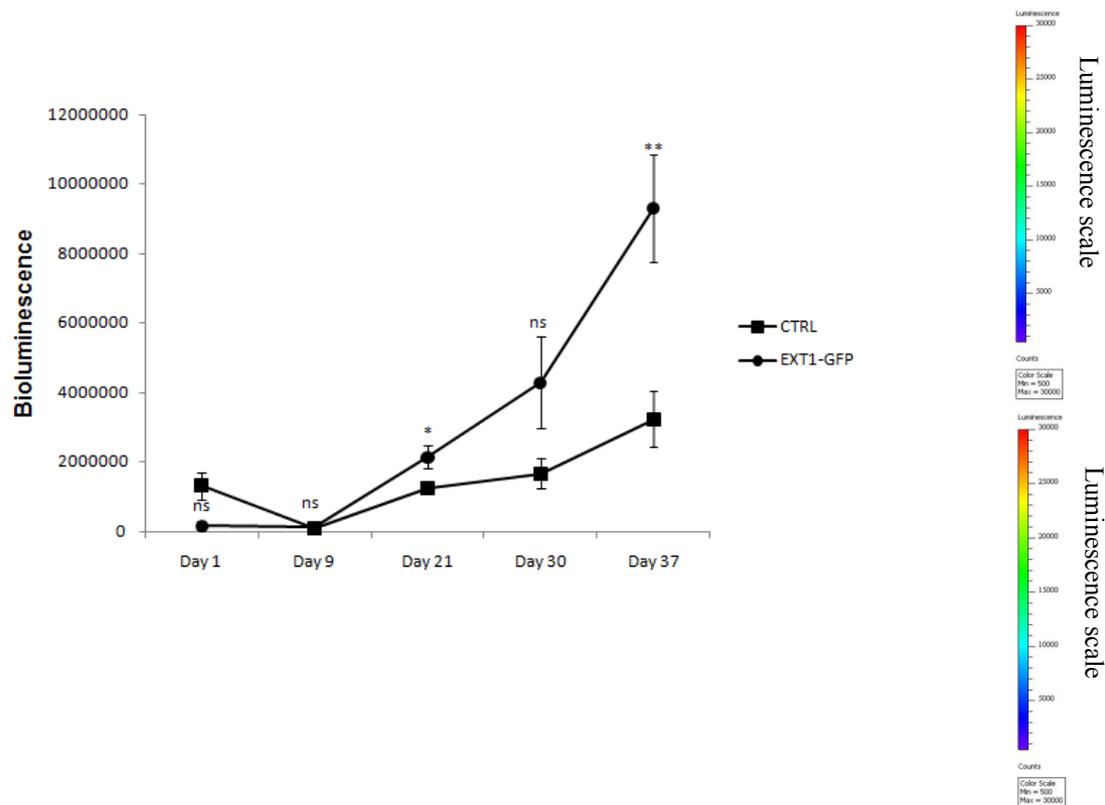
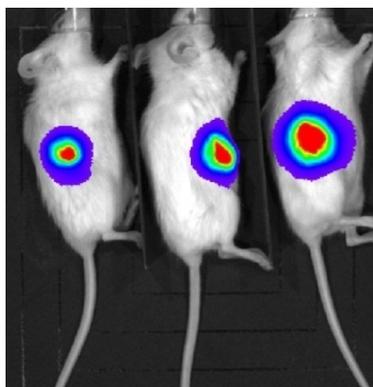
# The role of EXT1 in T-ALL

Day 37

Jurkat CTRL



Jurkat EXT1

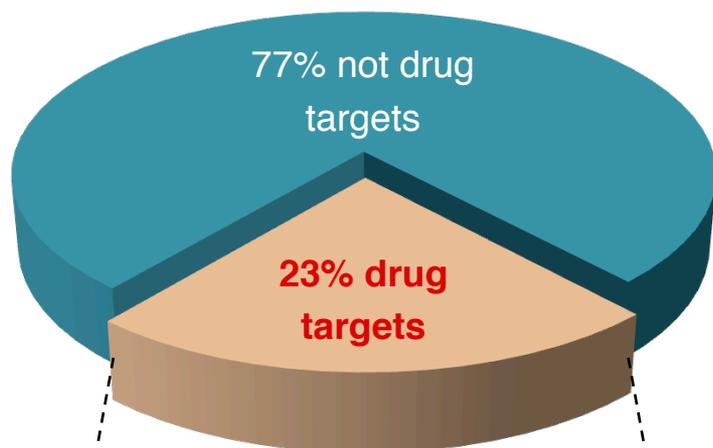


Injection of Jurkat over-expressing EXT1 in NOD-SCID mice resulted in a significant increase of the leukemic burden

# Drug discovery is facing a crisis

## Functional-based

**Disease-associated proteins**  
6,523\*



**95% = 5 protein families\*\***

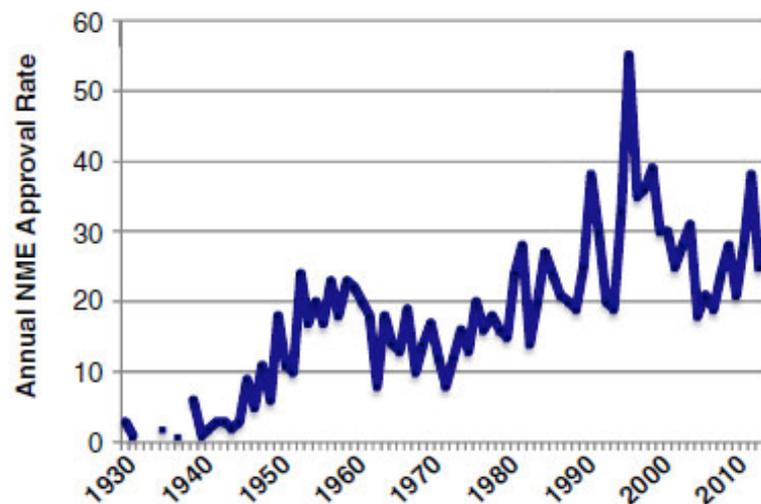
Enzymes, Transporters, GPCRs,  
Ion channels, Other receptors

5% = Others

Databases: HGMD\*, IUPHAR\*\*

## Success story

**FDA-approved drugs**  
**per year**



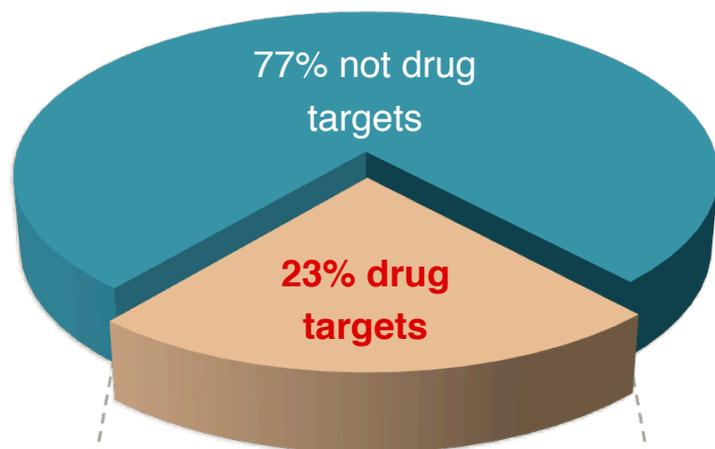
**Stagnation !**

Kinch *et al*, *Drug Discov Today* (2014)

# The potential of protein-protein interactions (PPIs)

## Functional-based

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vs.

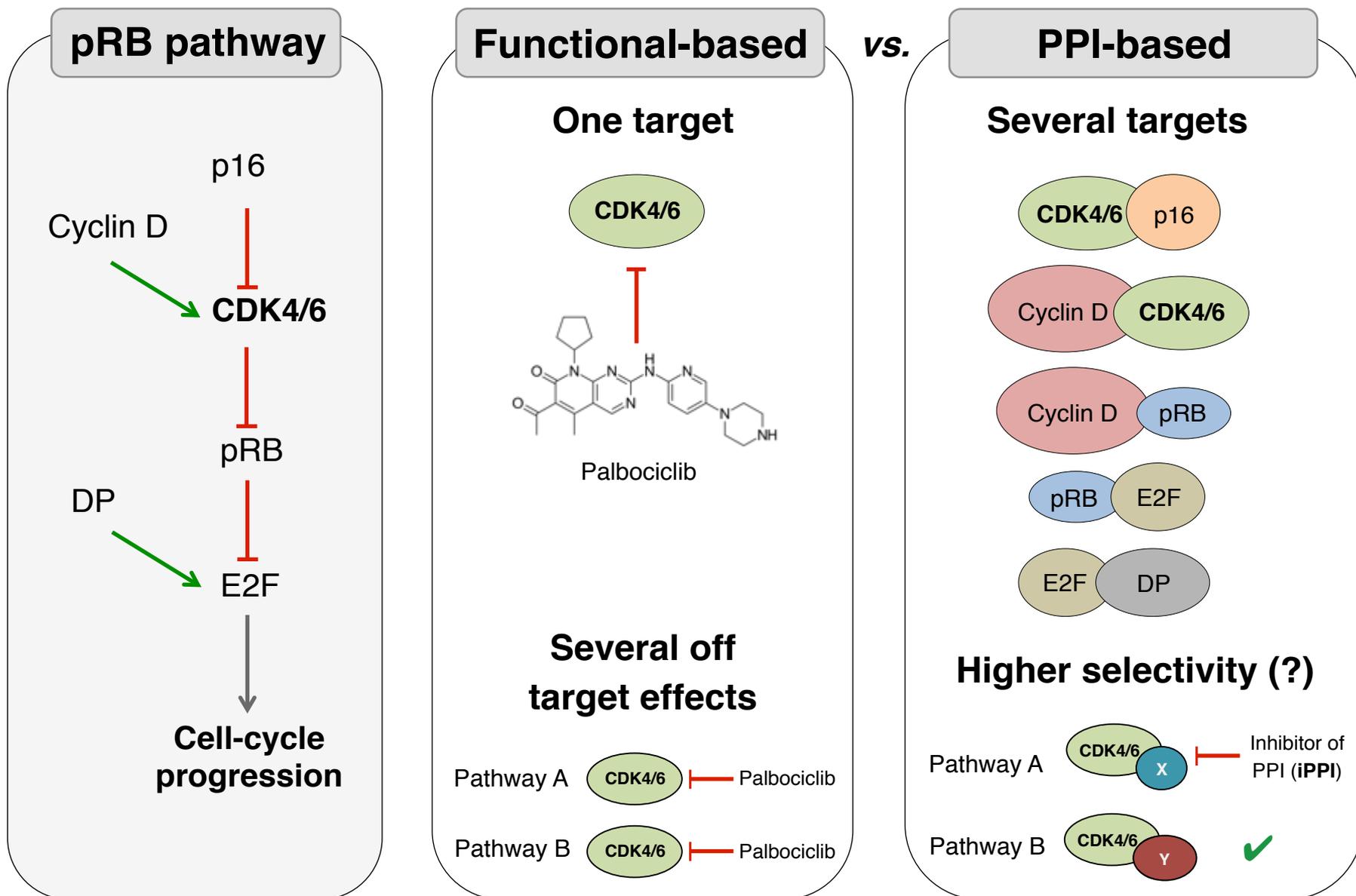
## PPI-based

Disease-associated proteins  
6,523\*



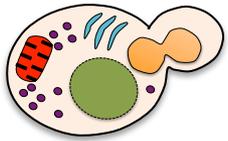
**Expansion of the landscape  
of drug targets**

# The PPI-based approach in practice

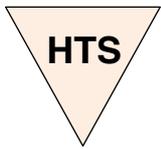


# How to develop an alternative PPI-based approach?

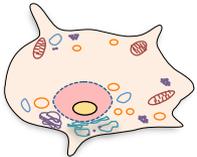
We need...



an **experimental system**

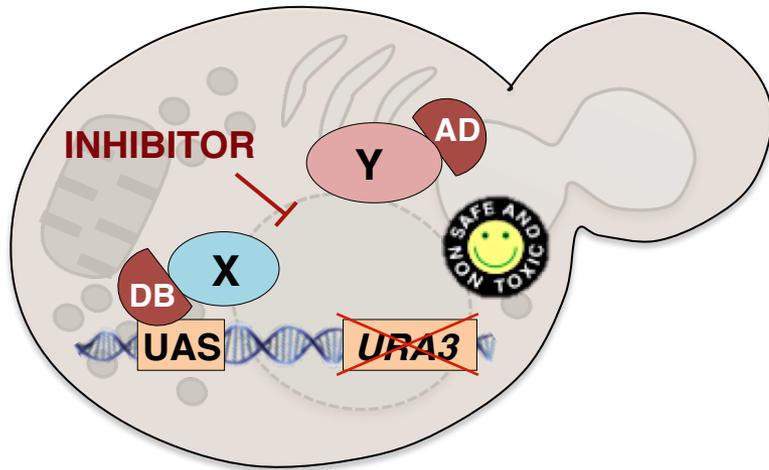
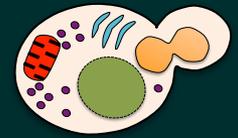


that is **scalable** for systematic/high-throughput screening (**HTS**), and



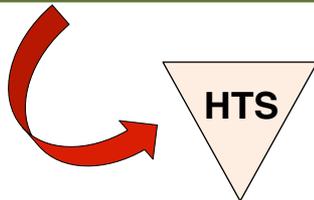
for which powerful **validation assays** are available

# The reverse yeast two-hybrid (RY2H) assay



**Positive selection**  
(growth) of **iPPIs**

- ✓ **Cell permeability**
- ✓ **Cytotoxicity**
- ✓ **POOLING of PPIs**



## Detection of iPPIs

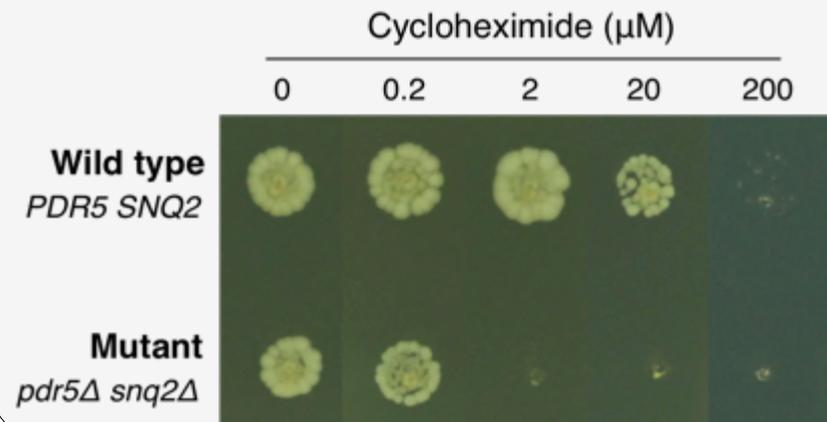


PPI inhibition  
=  
ring of growing cells

**INHIBITOR**

*e.g.* AD-FKBP12/DB-RIC  
disrupted by **FK506**

## Drug sensitive strain



# Pooling of PPIs for ultra HTS via RY2H

- ❑ Test PPI-based approach: **1,700 PPIs encompassing pRB & BRCA1** pathways
- ❑ **Systematic assessment** of pRB & BRCA1 pathways:

## Individual PPIs screened

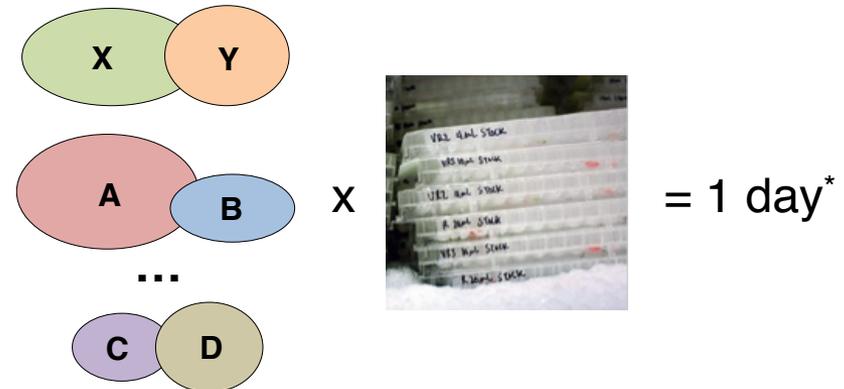
One PPI      10,000 drugs



For 1,700 PPIs: **~5 YEARS**

## Pools of PPIs screened

100 PPIs      10,000 drugs



For 1,700 PPIs: **20 DAYS**

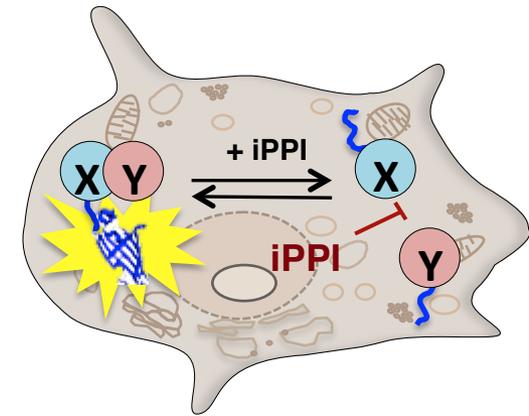
# Validations of primary iPPIs from screening



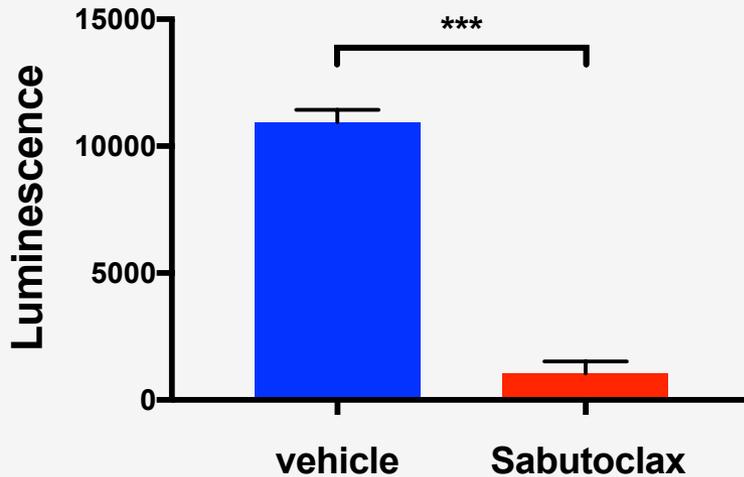
## Mammalian cell-based binary PPI assays

- ❑ *G. princeps* luciferase-based Protein Complementation Assay (**GPCA**)\*
- ❑ Nanoluciferase Two Hybrid (**N2H**) assay

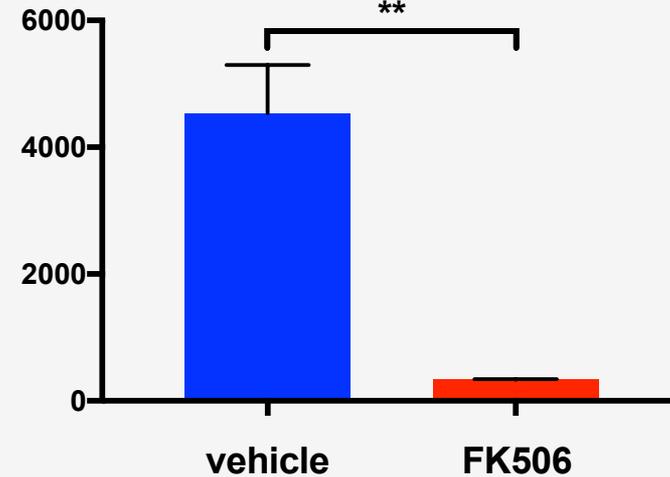
Choi, Olivet *et al*, in preparation (2017)



**MCL1-BAK1 (GPCA)**



**FRB-FKBP interaction (N2H)**



## Applications of interactome mapping

- Organisms Interactome mapping
- Novel disease-related genes
- Host-Pathogens interactomes
- Novel therapies identification